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China announces that it is prepared to make a joint commitment with other countries not to intervene in Kampuchea's internal affairs if Vietnam were to withdraw its troops from that country. — Page 20

Nonaligned talks open in Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 1 (R) — Cuba launched an 11-day conference of the nonaligned movement Tuesday warning of a revival of cold war attitudes amid the worst global economic crisis for 50 years.

With some delegations still arriving, officials from most of the 97 nonaligned nations began talks to prepare for a meeting of foreign ministers leading to the movement's seventh summit next week.

Cuba's chief delegate, Raul Roa-Kouri, drew the officials' attention to a reevaluation of the language and attitudes of the cold war, a summit spokesman said.

He also underlined the role of the nonaligned movement, created 22 years ago as a neutral buffer between rival power blocs led by the Soviet Union and the United States, in promoting economic development of the Third World.

Ways of forging greater economic cooperation between developing nations of Asia, Africa and Latin America, and of encouraging industrial countries to give them a better deal in aid, trade and finance, are expected to be a central theme of the summit from March 7 to 11.

Cuban President Fidel Castro, chairman of the movement since its last conference in Havana in 1979, will hand over the leadership to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi when the summit begins on Monday.

Gold price steadies at \$412

LONDON, March 1 (R) — Gold prices steadied around \$412 an ounce in Europe Tuesday after plunging more than \$100 in a week on heavy selling, particularly in New York and the Far East.

Market analysts said expectations that a cut in oil prices would boost economic recovery without inflation had prompted investors to sell their gold, regarded as a haven in times of political or financial unrest and as a hedge against inflation.

The dollar, which normally competes with gold for investor attention, remained strong, trading around 2,4405 West German marks and sending sterling to a record low of \$1.505.

Dealers said the U.S. currency was supported by higher interest paid on dollars deposited in Europe, a lower than expected U.S. trade deficit in January and nervousness before this week's meeting of OPEC to reach agreement on oil prices.

The price of gold was set at \$414.5 an ounce at the morning fix in London and later traded around \$412 in London and Zurich.

It had closed in London Monday at \$413 an ounce and hit lows of \$396 in New York and \$389.5 in Hong Kong before recovering some strength in Europe Tuesday.

Gold reached a 22-month peak of \$511.5 an ounce on Feb. 15 and last traded over \$500 on Feb. 22.

The big drop started in New York last Friday, triggered initially by investors deserting the metal on the assumption that better economic times lay ahead, analysts said.

Some London dealers also blamed panic selling in the Far East for plummeting prices, while the need for speculators to sell their holdings to cover losses had a snowball effect.

Analysts discounted suggestions that gold prices had also been depressed by prospects of oil sales by oil-producing countries to offset loss of foreign income as oil prices fell.

Polisario lauds Hassan initiative

ALGIERS, March 1 (AFP) — The Polisario Front welcomed last Saturday's summit meeting between King Hassan II of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

Polisario foreign affairs spokesman Muhammad Ould Salek said Monday that his movement would support any initiative "which would lead to negotiations between ourselves and Morocco to reach a peaceful and lasting solution" to the Western Sahara conflict.

Meanwhile, Larbi Belkheir, a senior aide to Benjedid, had a meeting in Nouakchott Monday with Mauritanian President Muhammad Khouna Ould Haidalla to discuss a message from the Algerian head of state.

Mauritania did not give details of the talks, but in Algiers, an official source said that the two discussed the weekend meeting between Hassan and Chadli.

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Hectic parleys continue

OPEC will avert price war--Yamani

PARIS, March 1 (AFP) — The Kingdom's Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani Tuesday made it clear that he is confident that OPEC states will be able to avert an oil price war and said OPEC ministers were likely to meet at the weekend to work out an agreement to stabilize the market.

In an interview with French television's Channel One, he replied with a firm "yes" when asked whether he thought agreement was at hand.

Hence the current informal consultations in Paris and other capitals, involving both OPEC and non-OPEC countries, were expected to continue for another two or three days.

"Our hope is that these talks will be fruitful," he said, adding that he believed ministers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would be able to meet "either this coming Saturday or Monday."

Yamani was speaking as Western foreign exchanges and bullion markets steadied in early trading after the turmoil triggered Monday by renewed fears of an oil price war, as OPEC consultations appeared to be marking time.

Venezuela's Oil Minister Humberto Calderon Berti, who has taken the lead in trying to reconcile divergent views inside OPEC countries and has also made contacts with the North Sea producers, Britain and Norway, held another round of private talks in Paris overnight with his Algerian and Kuwaiti colleagues, Belkacem Nabi and Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah.

Spokesmen declined to comment on the progress of the talks, but several sources said today that OPEC's emergency ministerial conference, the second in barely six weeks, could be held at the weekend or early next week in Switzerland. Possible venues cited for the meeting, earlier expected to be held this Wednesday or Thursday, were Lausanne and Geneva.

There were, meanwhile, insistent reports that Calderon would be leaving Monday night or Tuesday morning for London.

Arab diplomatic sources said he planned to meet Nigeria's presidential adviser for petroleum affairs, Yahaya Dikko, the current president of OPEC.

Other reports said Dikko was expected in the French capital, but Nigerian Embassy officials said Tuesday they had no knowledge of his traveling schedule.

Nigeria broke OPEC ranks Feb. 19 when it slashed \$5.50 off its selling price for light crude cutting it to \$30 a barrel, in order to match a \$3 reduction bringing the average rate of competing North Sea crudes down to \$30.50.

Since then, the Arab countries of the Gulf have threatened to slash OPEC's reference price, for Arabian light crude from \$34 a barrel to \$30 a barrel.

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A spokesman said Vogel had filed papers against *Bild Am Sonntag* in a Hamburg court one day after the newspaper reported that the then 17-year-old youth had been a "cultural commissioner" in the Nazi organization.

An SPD statement said Monday Vogel applied for an injunction to prevent the mass-circulation *Bild Am Sonntag* from repeating the charges and to force the newspaper to publish a rebuttal.

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defense official. "They have a good relationship... it was good to know that it just wasn't true."

The sources volunteered the information on the Arens telephone call, apparently to cool any fresh irritations which might arise out of the report. The sources spoke only on condition that they would not be identified.

According to a Sunday broadcast by Israeli radio, Arens made critical remarks about Weinberger at a cabinet meeting, his first since taking over the Defense Ministry after years as Israeli ambassador to the United States.

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Weinberger told journalists Sunday a Socialist government should not be judged

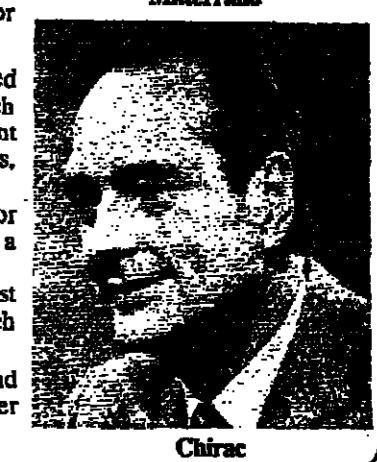
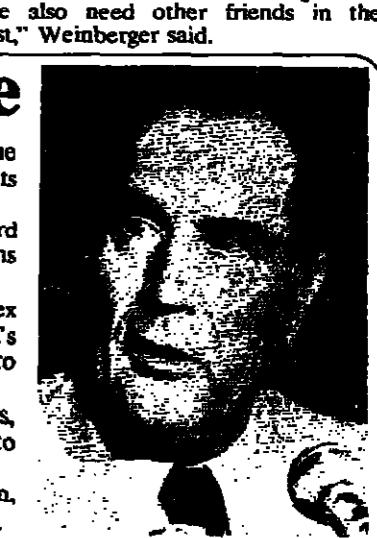
by traditional economic criteria because it had different priorities over such questions as unemployment. As the man who has steered the government through its first 20 months in office, Mauroy has much at stake in the elections,

according to political commentators.

Mitterrand is expected to replace the prime minister, who is also up for re-election as mayor of the northern city of Lille, if the elections result in a censure for Socialist policy.

Mauroy's future is linked with a debate within the cabinet and the Socialist party over what strategy to follow after the second round of the polling March 13.

Some government figures, such as Finance Minister Jacques Delors and Planning Minister Michel Rocard, are reported to be arguing for a further clampdown on consumer purchasing power.



'Kingdom to uphold oil pricing policy'

Fahd reasserts support for Palestinians

Riyadh, March 1 (SPA) — King Fahd Monday reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia will maintain its oil pricing policy and always act within the framework of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to preserve that organization. He was addressing the weekly session of the Council of Ministers meeting under him, after a briefing on the Kingdom's oil policies by Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources.

At the outset of the session, the cabinet reviewed the latest developments of the Palestinian problem. King Fahd stressed the importance of an alert and responsive drive at the present stage which makes it imperative to constitute a common front with the Palestinians. The King said that the Palestinians and their cause must be supported to help them regain their legitimate rights and re-establish just peace.

He added that peace should be based on guaranteeing all the equitable rights and claims, including self-determination and the creation of an independent Palestinian state on those people's homeland. He said no doubt the latest meeting of the Palestine National Council (in Algiers) has shown their unity of rank, determination to recover their rights and keenness to achieve a just and fair peace settlement.

King Fahd reassured that Saudi Arabia abided by its previous declared stand toward the Palestinian issue and the Palestinians themselves led by the Palestine Liberation Organization, the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

"The situation today makes it incumbent upon us to move consciously and responsibly and employ all our capabilities, channels and positive gains, including the fair comprehension of our cause today. We have to work to put an end to the erratic life in the wilderness of the Palestinian people living in camps while the Zionist enemy is unlawfully occupying their territory and



King Fahd

tively on future generations and future joint Arab-Islamic action.

The cabinet was also briefed by Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, the minister of finance and national economy, on the arrangements made for the GCC Unified Economic Agreement to go into effect as of March 1, 1983, as provided for in the resolution adopted last November in Bahrain by the GCC Supreme Council. The cabinet expressed its deep satisfaction for that landmark in the history of the GCC.

Dr. Yamani said that the cabinet was then briefed on the outcome of King Fahd's talks with Habib Chatti, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. The talks centered on current Islamic problems. During the meeting, King Fahd reassured Saudi Arabia's stance and support to the OIC to enable it fulfill its task.

The cabinet was also apprised of the contents of a message from Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri delivered to King Fahd by Dr. Bahauddin Idris, the Sudanese minister for presidency affairs. It was likewise acquainted with a message from Mali President Moussa Traore handed over to the King by Ahmad Baba Diara, the minister of equipment. A message from Morocco's King Hassan II conveyed to the King by Muhammad Boucetta, the state minister for foreign affairs, was also reviewed during the meeting. Furthermore, the cabinet was briefed by Minister Aba Al-Khalil on the results of the 34th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council that would open in Tunis last Thursday.

The cabinet finally empowered Aba Al-Khalil to sign the headquarters agreement with the Islamic Development Bank. Meanwhile, King Fahd Monday received a message from Comoro President Ahmad Abdulla Abdul Rahman. The message was delivered to Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal by his Comoro opposite number Said Kaf.

He pointed out that such a fruitful cooperation was made possible by the common ties of religion, kinship, language, history, neighborliness and joint interests among the people of the area. Closer cooperation was also prompted by good intentions, goodwill, determination and balanced and well-pondered steps that followed fruitful and constructive action whose results will be felt in the future and will reflect posi-

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Joint venture to develop agriculture

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 1 — A joint venture has been set up between Said A.K. Said, Riyadh, and the Thyssen Rheinstahl Technik GMBH, Dusseldorf, to develop agriculture in the Kingdom, in keeping with the government's objective of achieving self-sufficiency in wheat.

The Saudi International Agricultural Development Co. Ltd. (SIAD) will engage in the cultivation and marketing of agricultural products in the Kingdom.

The basis of this joint venture is a contract for the establishment of a 500-hectare wheat growing area, including agricultural buildings and silos in the middle of the desert which was completed by the Thyssen Rheinstahl Technik and its Saudi Arabian partner within a record time of 3 1/2 months.

In early November 1982, the work of well-drilling and soil investigation began and

Algerians arrive to attend seminar

tion opening in Riyadh Tuesday.

It was met at the airport by Abdul Hamid Al-Derekhi, director general of the Planning Ministry's Western Province branch, and Algerian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Tijani Haddam.

SAPTCO to introduce new service

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 1 — Saudi Public Transport Co. (SAPTCO) will be introducing a new inter-city between Riyadh and Madinah via Buraidah from March 5, according to Dr. Samir Ghonaim, director general. There will be one service from each end and the fare will be SR1.40.

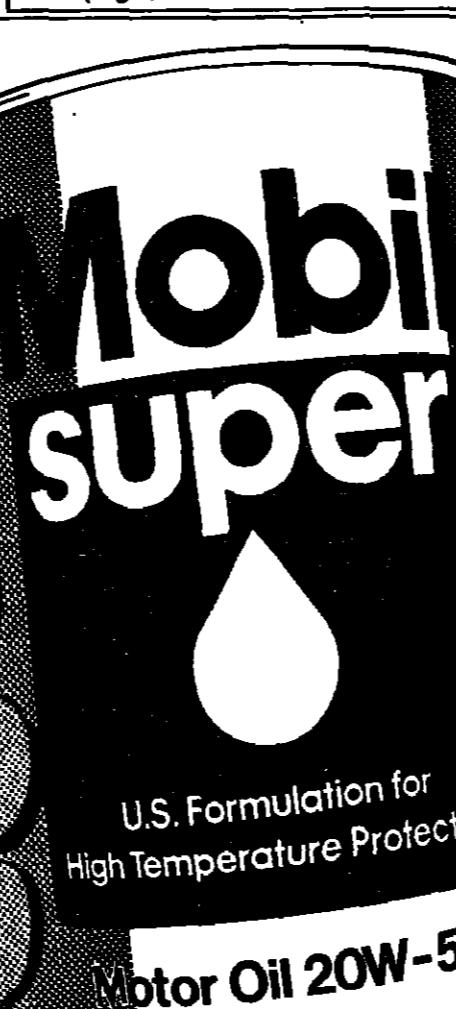
The service will start at 9.15 a.m. from the Batha Street terminal in Riyadh and reach

Buraidah at 3.30 p.m. It will proceed further from Buraidah at 4 p.m. to terminate at Madinah at 11.30 p.m. From Madinah, the service will start at 9.30 a.m. and reach Riyadh at 11.45 p.m. after halting at Buraidah for half-an-hour between 5 and 5.30 p.m.

The service will pass through some 13 towns, some of them not yet covered by any SAPTCO bus service up till now.

Prayer Times

Wednesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tubuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:16	5:19	4:50	4:38	5:03	5:34
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:16	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:55	3:55	3:26	3:12	3:36	4:05
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:26	6:25	5:56	5:42	6:07	6:35
Isha (Night)	7:56	7:55	7:26	7:12	7:37	8:05



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McGovern tells Arab News

Palestinian solution vital for peace

By Jean Graut
Alkhabar Bureau

DHAHRAN, March 1 — U.S. Senator George McGovern has said that there can be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestinian problem is resolved.

In an interview with *Arab News*, McGovern described U.N. Resolution 242 as "the best hope we have". "I believed years ago and now believe that until the Palestinian issue is resolved, there can be no peace in the Middle East," he said.

McGovern noted that "the U.S. Congress gave Israel the wrong signal" by increasing U.S. military assistance to that country, in defiance of President Ronald Reagan's wishes, shortly after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June.

Although McGovern opposed this increase in aid to Israel, he does not favor cutting all aid to it. "If it were not for American aid, Israel would be even more intransigent," McGovern said. "They would fight to the death rather than compromise. Thus while I favor tight restraints (on military aid to Israel), it would be a mistake to cut off aid."

In McGovern's opinion if America cut its aid to Israel, it would get arms elsewhere, from France or South Africa. "The holocaust produced a scar on the Israeli psyche that will be there for generations. Even the sophisticated ones who recognize they are taking a slightly paranoid position are incapable of breaking free of that consciousness," McGovern admitted, however, being "puzzled why Israel with this insight into its own character doesn't recognize it in others."

McGovern feels that the Labor Party is more realistic and flexible, and improvements might result if the government in Israel changed.

"Israel can't retain control of and occupy the land taken in 1967," McGovern said, "or it sets the stage for continued violence." The former Democratic nominee for the presi-



Senator George McGovern

resented South Dakota in the U.S. Senate for 18 years.

Speaking on "The World Economy and World Peace", McGovern said "Conflict is the order of the day, and it is always done in the name of realism and tough-mindedness."

Far from strengthening the world's economy, the \$700 billion the world spends annually on arms has both "weakened the global economy and jeopardized the very security it meant to establish."

"The two superpowers are not only threatening their own survival but also weakening their economies," charged McGovern. Instead of modernizing their civilian industries like the Japanese and the Germans, the Americans have "concentrated a sizable percentage of their resources in developing weapons."

Neglect of non-military industries led to a weakening of the U.S. economy. Similarly the Soviet arms spending has meant a deprivation of consumer goods and housing.

"In the Middle East," said McGovern, who in 1975 visited the Kingdom as chairman of the Middle East Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "there is a special urgency in moving from military force to negotiation and cooperation."

McGovern urged the support of Saudi Arabia for the Reagan peace plan, "or something close to it," as a "reasonable solution" to the Palestinian problem that he described as "the one dark shadow that looms over the great cultural and physical resources of the region."

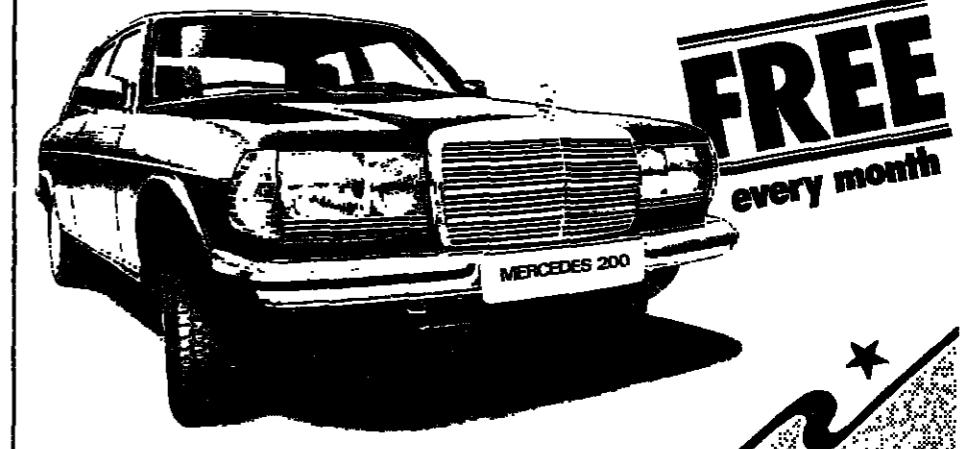
Questioned about the Fahd peace plan, McGovern said that "many congressmen were pleasantly surprised at how reasonable and balanced the King's proposal was." McGovern called it a "realistic" plan that deserved careful consideration.

Although the Reagan and Fahd plans have many points in common, they differ on the nature of the homeland for the Palestinians.

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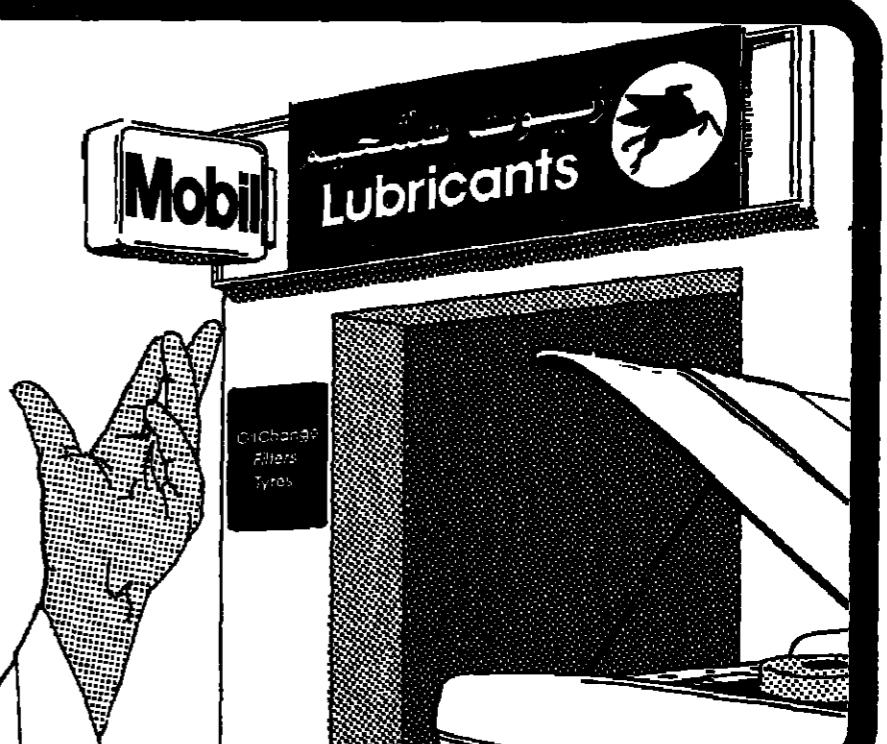


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Arab-Jew clashes rock W. Bank anew

TEL AVIV, March 1 (R) — Clashes between Arabs and Jews broke out again Tuesday in the Israeli-occupied West Bank where Palestinians stoned Israeli vehicles and blocked roads.

With tension high in the West Bank since Friday, Israeli forces kept the market area in the town of Nablus under curfew for the second consecutive day after an attack on Israeli vehicles by local residents.

In Ramallah, Israeli soldiers dispersed Palestinian youths who set up roadblocks and burned tires on a main road.

Two Jewish settlers were injured in the same area Monday night when the windscreen of a bus in which they were traveling was smashed by stones.

Settlers gathered near Prime Minister Menahem Begin's office in occupied Jerusalem overnight, demanding use of more

Trial of Iranians in missile case opens in London

LONDON, March 1 (AP) — Two Iranians went on trial in London accused of trying to sell the Iranian government \$52 million worth of non-existent guided missiles.

Prosecutor Henry Pownall told the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court Monday that the accused men were members of an international gang which kidnapped six Iranians in London and Belgium in an effort to obtain their signatures verifying the existence of the weapons.

He said the plot collapsed when banker who was one of the prisoners in London was allowed out of captivity and managed to alert a bank director that something was wrong.

Businessman Benham Nodjoumi, 37, and restaurateur Dogan Arif, 32, both of London, denied charges of conspiracy to defraud and kidnapping.

Pownall said that in 1981, the Iranian government wanted to buy 8,000 guided missiles, and the nature of the deal meant "unscrupulous people" would be involved.

Afghan refugees to get identity cards

NICOSIA, March 1 (AP) — Iran will issue special identity cards to more than one and a half million Afghan refugees living in the country to regulate their resident, work and other social affairs, the official Iranian News Agency reported Monday.

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Coup bid in Sudan foiled, Egypt says

ROME, March 1 (R) — A show of force by the United States in the Mediterranean this month prevented a planned Libyan-backed coup in Sudan, a senior Egyptian official said.

"We have proof. A ship carrying arms was already in Port Sudan ... The whole operation was to be carried out on Feb. 13 at 8 in the morning," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali told reporters in Rome Monday.

Libya had moved aircraft forward to Al Khufra near the Sudanese border and intelligence reports indicated that a coup against Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri was to be attempted by mercenaries flown into Khartoum, Boutros Ghali said.

force to suppress West Bank Palestinians.

Tension on the West Bank rose on Friday when a bomb exploded outside a Hebron mosque, injuring two Arabs. The next day a four-year-old Arab girl was injured by machine-gun bullets which local residents said were fired by masked Jewish settlers.

In another development, the Hebron Arab Village League, one of a number set up by Israel to win support for its anti-PLO policies, rejected an Israeli demand for the resignation of its leader, Muhammad Nasser.

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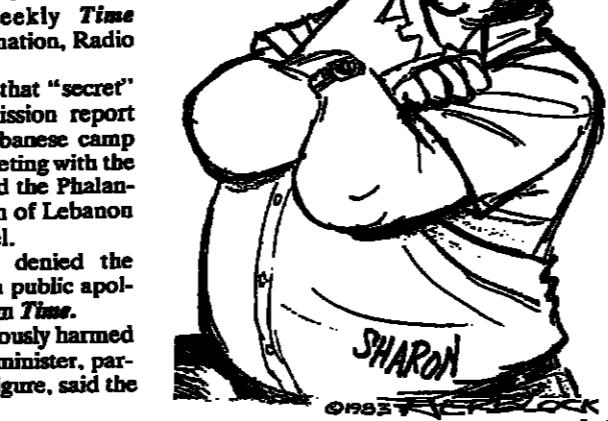
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force to suppress West Bank Palestinians.

The article in *Time* alleged that "secret" sections of the inquiry commission report into the Sabra and Shatila Lebanese camp massacres revealed that at a meeting with the Gemayel family, Sharon incited the Phalangists to avenge the assassination of Lebanon President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

Sharon, who has formally denied the accusation, is also demanding a public apology and index-linked costs from *Time*.

He held that he had been seriously harmed by the allegation in his role as minister, parliamentary deputy and public figure, said the radio.



BRIEFS

RABAT (R) — Gambian President Dawda Jawara arrived in Morocco Monday for talks with King Hassan, the Moroccan news agency reported.

AMMAN (AP) — Robert Pelletreau, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for Middle Eastern affairs, has arrived here to begin a six-nation tour of the Middle East.

DAMASCUS (AFP) — Former British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington left here Monday after a visit in which he had talks with President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Kaddam.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Svenn Stray indicated to reporters after a meeting with Israel foreign minister here that Israel and Norway remained divided on some political issues, particularly Israel's invasion of Lebanon, but the differences were not harming relations.

GENEVA (AP) — Iran has agreed to receive a United Nations envoy "to discuss matters of human rights," the U.N. announced in a statement quietly circulated at the U.N. Human Rights Commission session here.

rates News Agency reported.

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TEL AVIV (AP) — Norwegian Foreign Minister Svenn Stray indicated to reporters after a meeting with Israel foreign minister here that Israel and Norway remained divided on some political issues, particularly Israel's invasion of Lebanon, but the differences were not harming relations.

GENEVA (AP) — Iran has agreed to receive a United Nations envoy "to discuss matters of human rights," the U.N. announced in a statement quietly circulated at the U.N. Human Rights Commission session here.

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Carter hopes to meet Arafat

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — Jimmy Carter hopes to meet with Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat during his trip to the Middle East, the former U.S. president said in an interview released Monday.

"That would be an option that I would pursue," Carter said in the April issue of *Newsweek* magazine. "I wouldn't be bound by any oath or commitment not to do so. If I don't manage to meet with Arafat, I would certainly want to meet with some representatives of the Palestinian cause."

Carter, who leaves for the Mideast Tuesday, told *Newsweek* he plans to launch "a one-year analysis of where we might go from now to find peace in the Middle East."

Israeli intelligence chief resigns

TEL AVIV, March 1 (Agencies) — The chief of Israeli military intelligence, Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy, resigned Tuesday over findings by a government commission that he should have foreseen the massacres last September in two West Beirut refugee camps, Israeli military sources reported.

An Israeli military spokesman added that Brig. Gen. Avos Yaron, who heads the Israeli forces in Beirut, would be relieved of his field command and would not be given another for three years. This was in keeping with a commission recommendation.

Gen. Arye Ben-Tov was named as Gen. Saguy's temporary replacement, the sources said. No replacement was immediately named for Gen. Yaron.

In its report published three weeks ago, the commission scolded Saguy for failing to warn the government that it was risking a slaughter by sending Lebanese Christian militiamen into the refugee camps.

Saguy was portrayed as unwilling to press an unpopular opinion, and of showing "indifference and a conspicuous lack of concern, of shutting eyes and ears..."

In another development, the U.S. State Department's top official for the Middle East contended Monday that the administration's proposed \$2.485 billion aid package for

Taba talks open today

CAIRO, March 1 (R) — Egypt and Israel resume talks Wednesday on the disputed border strip of Taba in the Sinai Peninsula with no apparent prospects for progress. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Egypt would try in the talks, also attended by the United States, to argue for an international arbitration rather than seeking settlement through bilateral negotiations, as demanded by Israel.

The dispute over which country has sovereignty in the 700-meter coastal strip at Taba, south of the Israeli port of Eilat, almost delayed Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai last April.

He said, "I'll be eager to talk to leaders of the Arab countries and to the leaders of Israel and to the representatives of the Palestinians..."

Carter said he wished he had been able to negotiate with the PLO prior to the 1978 Camp David accords, but "we had a national commitment not to negotiate with Arafat unless the PLO would acknowledge Israel's right to exist."

The former president said the PLO must agree to that concession. "The longer this process is delayed, the more Israel will tighten its control over the West Bank and Gaza, and the Golan Heights as well, with increasing settlements."

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De Cuellar-Jaber discuss Gulf war

KUWAIT, March 1 (Agencies) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, stressed the need to end the Iran-Iraq war during talks in Kuwait Tuesday, a U.N. spokesman said.

The Kuwaiti ruler held a session of talks with de Cuellar on Mideast peace moves, means of ending the Iraq-Iran war and solving the Palestinian questions.

Sheikh Jaber and de Cuellar also reviewed topics of the agenda of the nonaligned nations summit conference, due to open in New Delhi, India, March 9.

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Communist guerrillas the stumbling block

Indonesia rules out normal ties with China

JAKARTA, March 1 (Agencies) — President Suharto on Tuesday said Indonesia will not normalize relations with China as long as Peking continues to support Communist guerrillas in Southeast Asia.

Suharto was addressing a plenary session of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR), the highest policy-making body in the nation. The MPR is almost certain to elect Suharto to another five-year term soon.

Suharto's tough statement against China showed that a resumption of normalized relations between the two big Asian nations are still a long way off since Indonesia suspended ties with China following the abortive Communist coup attempt in Indonesia in 1965.

Speaking on other issues, Suharto expressed the hope that the summit meeting of the

nonaligned movement in New Delhi next week would produce acceptable solutions for problems besetting the world today.

"In a world that is encompassed by the tugging between the major world powers, the nonaligned movement can and should play a significant role in the struggle to build a world order that better ensures justice," Suharto said.

President Suharto called on the MPR to formalize the separation of religion and politics. Suharto made clear his main aim was to ensure explicit mention in national policy that Pancasila, Indonesia's complex secular state ideology, must be the only ideological foundation for all political organizations, including the main opposition Muslim United Development Party (PPP).

Otherwise, he told the MPR, any one party could attempt to inflict its ideology and principles on the people without tolerating diverse views. "That effort would be bound to suffer failure and only give rise to disaster for our nation as a whole," he said.

In what political observers interpreted as a warning to Islamic militants, he added: "If I allow diversity to undermine the basis of cohesion and unity, the outcome will be threats to the foundations of cohesion and unity themselves and eventually we must finalize the matter with no few casualties."

There has been little outward sign of radical religious fundamentalism in Indonesia, whose population of almost 150 million is 90 percent Muslim, and the government is seeking to sustain this situation.

The re-election of Gen. Suharto for a fourth term is a foregone conclusion. His political supporters and appointees have an overwhelming majority in the MPR. Only 364 congress members were directly elected in last May's parliamentary general election. The only issue on which there was some doubt was the future of the vice presidency.

But last weekend Golkar and military congressmen, after consultation with President Suharto, announced the candidate would be Gen. Umar Wirahadikusumah, a surprise replacement for the civilian incumbent, Adam Malik. Gen. Umar's election is guaranteed since leaders of both the PPP and the small Democratic Party (PDI) have endorsed his nomination.

MEXICO CITY, March 1 (AP) — The Mexican government said it would give him a safe conduct to travel and was seeking a third country that would accept him. He was taken to a luxury hotel while awaiting a decision on his status.

Mahmoud Shey Kholya claimed his brother is a writer who had been persecuted by the FBI because he condemned "the foreign policy of the United States and the inhuman arms traffic to the governments of El Salvador, Honduras and Iran itself."

He charged that the FBI's intention had been to have his brother deported to Iran, where he had been a political prisoner for five years.

"They would gladly sacrifice us both to Iran, because we have spread our anti-government ideas," he said. "His extradition (to the United States) only would take him to a certain death."

Iranian pleads for hijacker

MEXICO CITY, March 1 (AP) — The brother of airplane hijacker Hussein Shey Kholya says deporting him to the United States "only would take him to a certain death."

In an interview Monday with the newspaper Excelsior, Mahmoud Shey Kholya said his brother hijacked a plane from Killean, Texas, to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, to publicize human rights violations of Ayatollah Khomeini's regime in their native Iran and to condemn U.S. foreign policy.

The U.S. government has started proceedings to request the hijacker's extradition to the United States, where he would face prosecution and a prison sentence.

Mexican authorities handled the negotiations that led to the release of the 20 passengers and crew from the Rio Airways flight Feb. 15.

The hijacker was flown to Mexico City and

Greece retires top army men

ATHENS, March 1 (R) — The Greek government Monday retired 14 generals and two air marshals, but did not connect the move to a rumor which swept Athens Sunday that army units had staged a coup attempt.

A government spokesman repeated Sunday's denial that the armed forces had foiled a coup attempt by army units in the north and in the Athens area. He said the rumor began after security measures had been taken in Athens as part of an exercise to test the preparedness of the armed forces.

The retirements were part of an annual review of the armed forces officer corps, the spokesman added.

New York Times bags two awards

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — The New York Times has won two George Polk Awards in journalism and the Associated Press has won its 12th photography prize.

The news photography prize went to Reuven Castro of the AP for his picture of an Israeli soldier extending a canteen to a fallen Syrian during the fighting in Lebanon.

The winners were announced by Long Island University, which established the awards in 1949 in honor of a correspondent for the CBS broadcast news network in the United States murdered in 1948 while covering the Greek Civil War.

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Botswana frees South African pilot

JOHANNESBURG, March 1 (AP) — Botswana has freed a jailed South African civilian pilot who engaged police in a gunbattle after his plane made a forced landing in the Botswana bush in 1979, press reports said Tuesday.

Johannesburg newspapers said the flier served three years of a five-year prison sentence, imposed for shooting and wounding two policemen, and was freed on the Botswana-South African border on Monday.

where he was greeted by his mother.

Jan Basson, 27, had been on a flight from South Africa to what then was Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, when he lost his way and landed in Botswana. The newspapers said Basson opened fire on policemen approaching his plane because he thought they were about to attack.

Basson was tried on assault charges. There was speculation at the time in Botswana that Basson may have been a South African spy.



ITALIAN SOUP: Ghanaian children taking bowls of minestrone (meat and vegetable) soup donated by the Italian government which channeled it through the World Food Program last week. The food costing more than \$1 million was committed the day after the Ghana government appealed for help for the millions of Ghanaians expelled by Nigeria.

Ex-King Umberto 'making good progress'

GENEVA, March 1 (AFP) — Ex-King Umberto of Italy has made such good progress since leaving London that doctors treating him here think he may recover enough to leave hospital, his daughter-in-law, Princess Marina, said.

The former king, 78, who is suffering from an incurable bone cancer, was treated at a

London hospital for seven months but was moved on Feb. 25 to this Swiss city, where he is permanently guarded by three bodyguards.

The move to Geneva, where many members of his family live, has had a remarkable effect on his morale, said Princess Marina, wife of Prince Victor Emmanuel.

Meanwhile in Rome, a national debate

continued to rage around Umberto's stated wish to return to Italy to die.

For the past few days, newspapers have been full of health bulletins on the king, some newspapers going so far as to suggest that he left his London clinic because he was being poisoned.

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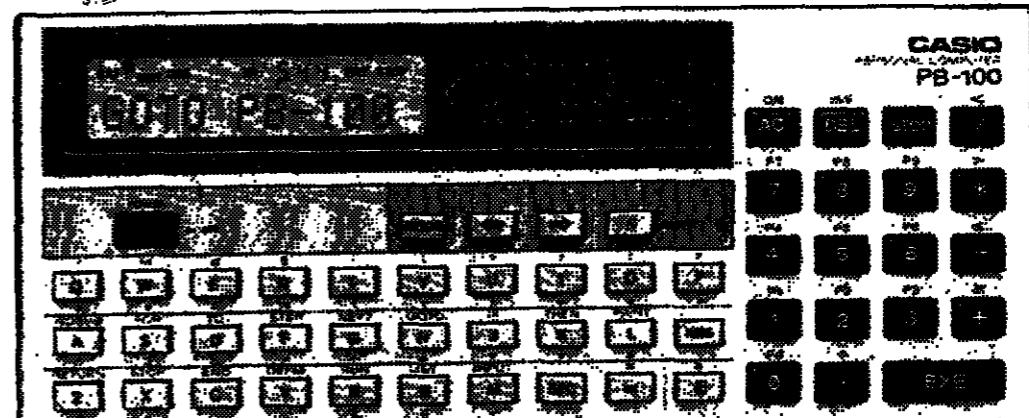
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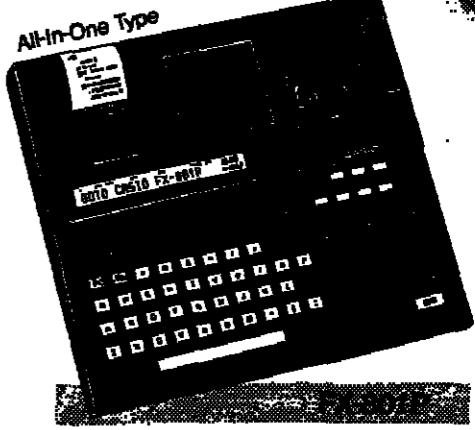
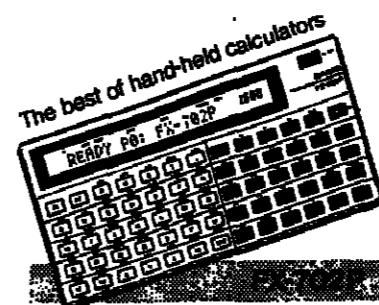
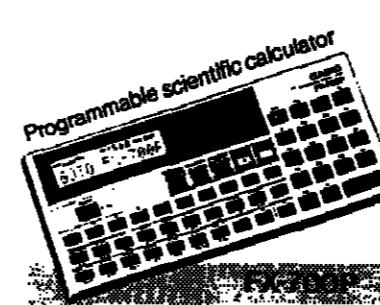
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U.S. reviews Salvador policy, plans to send more advisers

WASHINGTON, March 1 (Agencies) — President Reagan has ordered an overall review of U.S. policy in El Salvador and is thinking of sending more American military advisers with an expanded role, a senior White House official said Monday.

But the official, briefing reporters aboard the president's plane *Air Force One* as it took Reagan to California for the week, said no decision had yet been made on the U.S. role in El Salvador and there was no deadline for any policy moves. The senior official spoke to reporters after Reagan met congressional leaders at the White House to discuss his request for a threefold increase in U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

In Senate testimony later, Secretary of State George Shultz said the government in San Salvador needed the planned increase, which would add \$60 million to the \$26 million already approved for this year, so that it could take the offensive against leftist forces rather than just defend itself. More than 35,000 persons have died in the three-year-old Civil War between the right-wing government and the leftist guerrillas of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front.

Shultz accused the guerrillas of trying to "tear the country up" and said any negotiations between them and the U.S.-backed government would amount to letting the rebels "shoot their way" to power. But the official on the plane, whose comments were telephoned back to reporters in Washington, said Washington's emphasis was still on a political solution in El Salvador. He said no decision would be made on the number or role of the U.S. military advisers before Reagan discussed the subject with Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in San Francisco Friday and then with leaders of Congress in Washington, possibly next week.

Weinberger told Congress last week he was in favor of raising the limit on the number of advisers to more than 55 so that additional "tens or twenties" could help train Salvadoran forces in the use of new U.S. military equipment.

The officials also said Washington was thinking of reinforcing the present contingent of 37 advisors, possibly to above the ceiling of 55. He added that the role of the advisers was under review, but he did not say if this would affect the rules against them going to places where combat was likely.

Meanwhile, at the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick said the United States, in conjunction with the government of El Salvador, is ready to offer "various kinds of guarantees" to assure the safety of Salvadoran rebels if they accept a ceasefire and participate in democratic elections.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in an interview with the United States Information Agency, said the guarantees, for example, could be secured through international observers.

The United States, she said, would also be willing "to join with others to work out guarantees that would be effective and reassuring."

Pope begins tour of Central America today

VATICAN CITY, March 1 (Agencies) — Protected by only one more security guard than usual, Pope Paul II leaves Wednesday on an eight-day flight through strife-torn Central America.

The Vatican is anticipating greater security and health risks for the pope than on any of his previous 16 trips abroad, and anticipates the trip will be the most difficult of all the pope's foreign travels. "In no other area of the world does the church suffer from sharper divisions," said a Latin American bishop at the Vatican. "The pope will have to cope with bishops closely aligned with dictatorial regimes as well as priests working for the revolutionary government."

The Vatican dispatched its security chief Camilo E. Cibin in advance to some of the eight countries the pope will visit and is taking precautions with the pope and his party to avoid health trouble from the hot tropical climate.

He accompanied the Vatican's foreign minister, Monsignor Achille Silvestrini, who sought to avoid direct contact by the pope with five priests defiantly remaining in the Nicaraguan government and to pave the way for a ceasefire in El Salvador between rebels and the government.

The Turin daily *La Stampa* reported the pope had once more rejected suggestions to wear a bulletproof vest. However, pope's



SHOT IN STREET: People look in horror at the body of a national guardsman who was shot to death on a San Salvador street last week by three men who passed behind him and shot him in the head.

Shuttle engines said defective

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 1 (AP) — Engineers began pulling out the last of space shuttle *Challenger*'s three defective engines Monday after finding two more leaks that will delay its much-postponed maiden launch at least several days beyond March 20.

"I think we would be safe in saying that the delays will push us beyond that" (March 20 date), said spokesman Mark Hess at Kennedy Space Center.

He declined to speculate on when the flight might begin, but a space official in Washington who asked not to be identified said NASA expected the new problem would mean an added delay of two to 10 days.

On Friday, National Aeronautics and Space Administration engineers discovered a

hydrogen line crack in the No. 2 engine. On Sunday, the same problem was found in engine No. 3. "They decided to pull them both out and, hopefully, work on both of them here," said Hess. But there was no certainty that could be done.

The problem — different from those plaguing two other *Challenger* engines — appears to be inherent to all new shuttle motors now being built.

"It certainly looks like the design modifications on the new engines have something to do with it, but there has not been enough problem analysis completed to tell for sure," said Hess. The engines used by the first shuttle, *Columbia*, were of a slightly different design.

Ex-CIA agent's trial delayed

WASHINGTON, March 1 (AP) — The start of the third trial of Edwin Wilson on charges arising from the former CIA agent's dealings with Libya was delayed Monday while a secret hearing was held on several defense motions.

Both prosecution and defense attorneys refused comment on what was decided at the closed session before U.S. District Court Judge John Pratt. The public and press were barred from the hearing.

Jury selection was scheduled to begin Tuesday for the trial on two charges that Wilson conspired in 1976 to kill a Libyan dissident who had defected to Egypt.

Wilson was sentenced to 15 years and fined \$200,000 after his federal court conviction in November in Alexandria, Virginia, of seven counts of illegal arms deals with Libya.

3 killed in U.S. poker game shootout

ODESSA, Texas, March 1 (AP) — A roomful of card players "jumped up and pulled their guns" at a poker game, and when the shooting was over the floor was littered with money and three men were dead, police said Monday. Two persons were wounded in the shootout early Sunday.

Police found \$5,000, three pistols, scattered playing cards and pools of blood in the apartment where the shootout began.

"Right now it doesn't make much sense except that we got three people dead over a poker game," said police Lt. Rusty Baker. "Sometimes it doesn't take much to cause a shooting."

Officers said Monday they had interviewed a man and woman who had been at the game and were not injured, and were looking for

Sicily gangland-style killings claim 10

PALERMO, Sicily, March 1 (R) — Ten persons were murdered in gangland-style killings — including two triple shootings — Monday or early Tuesday in southern Italy, police said. Agricultural Development Officer Ignazio D'Accardo, 46, was shot dead while leaving his home in a southern Palermo suburb Tuesday morning.

An anonymous phone call led police to an apartment in central Palermo where they found the bullet-riddled bodies of two men and a woman, so far unidentified.

Late Monday night farmer Luigi Michel Soletta, 32, was killed and his brother Vitale, 38, was severely wounded by attackers who sprayed their car with automatic fire near their home village south of Palermo.

In the mainland, gunmen burst into a house and murdered Mario Doria, 52, and his son-in-law Alfredo Pasquale, 27. Police found Monday the corpses of three drug addicts dumped in the back of a car in Agrigento in southern Sicily. Each had been shot in the side of the head.

BRIEFS

PEKING (AFP) — A Chinese father, rejecting the traditional preference for male children, was so excited over the birth of his daughter that he invited all residents of his village for a night out at the movies. The *People's Daily* gave the incident prominent coverage on Page 1 stating that the gesture by Zhang Guandimao had been hailed by the mothers of daughters. These women often face discrimination in the countryside, while those who produce boys are often showered with gifts. Strict Chinese birth control policies practically limiting families to one child have triggered an increase in killing female children.

LAS VEGAS (R) — Four dynamic bombs were found Monday near some of Las Vegas' biggest hotels, triggering a systematic police search of all hotel grounds. A police spokesman described the bombs as crudely made devices capable of exploding and containing up to 10 sticks of dynamite each. Police found the first bomb at a hotel parking lot after receiving an anonymous phone call.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — Twice as many drug traffickers were arrested in Malaysia last year compared to the previous year, according to police statistics. Drugs seized in 1982 totaled 1,883.8 kg., double that of the previous year. Police made 10,400 arrests, 26 of whom for trafficking, 332 for pushing and 9,080 for possession and other offenses.

SAO SEBASTIAN (AFP) — About a dozen persons broke into a barracks of the autonomous Basque police here Sunday night, neutralized 10 guards on duty and made off with 105 pistols and a large amount of ammunition, a police source said. The assailants forced the guards to open the weapons locker, then fled in several automobiles, one of them a stolen police vehicle. It was the first such attack against the autonomous Basque police since the unit was activated last Oct. 26 to guard official buildings and control traffic.

PARIS (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson held informal talks over lunch Monday with the Paris ambassadors of the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. European Economic Community foreign ministers are due to meet their ASEAN opposite numbers at Bangkok at the end of March.

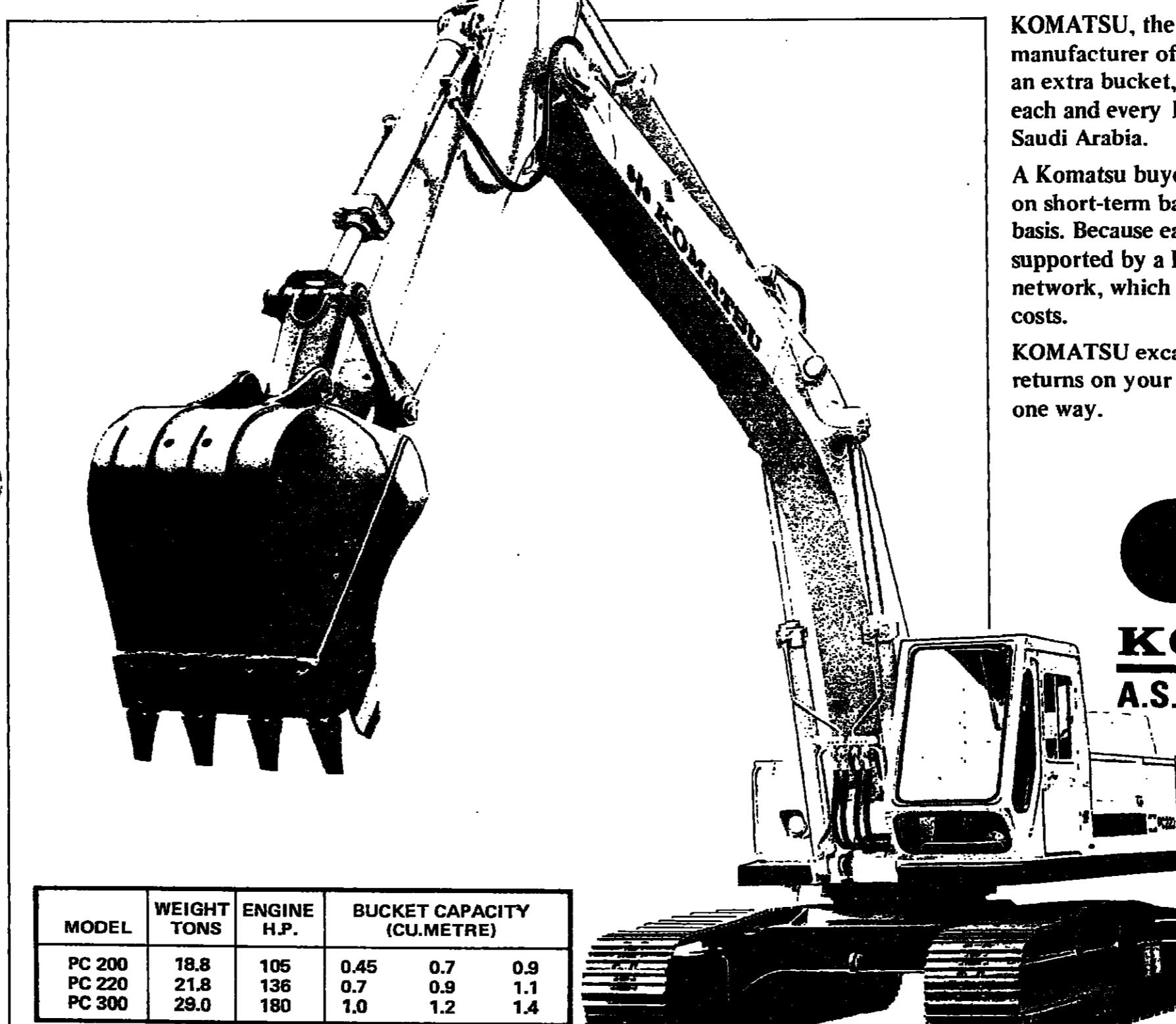
PARAMARIBO (R) — A new 12-member cabinet with sociologist Errol Alibus as prime minister was sworn in Monday as Surinam's fourth government since the armed forces seized power in 1980. It replaced a cabinet headed by Dr. Henk Ney Ostro which resigned last December amid upheavals which the military said were caused by a coup attempt. Alibus, a former minister of housing and social affairs, will take responsibility for foreign affairs, a portfolio held in the last government by Harvey Naarendorp who was left out. The ministers were sworn in by President Freed Ramdien Misir.

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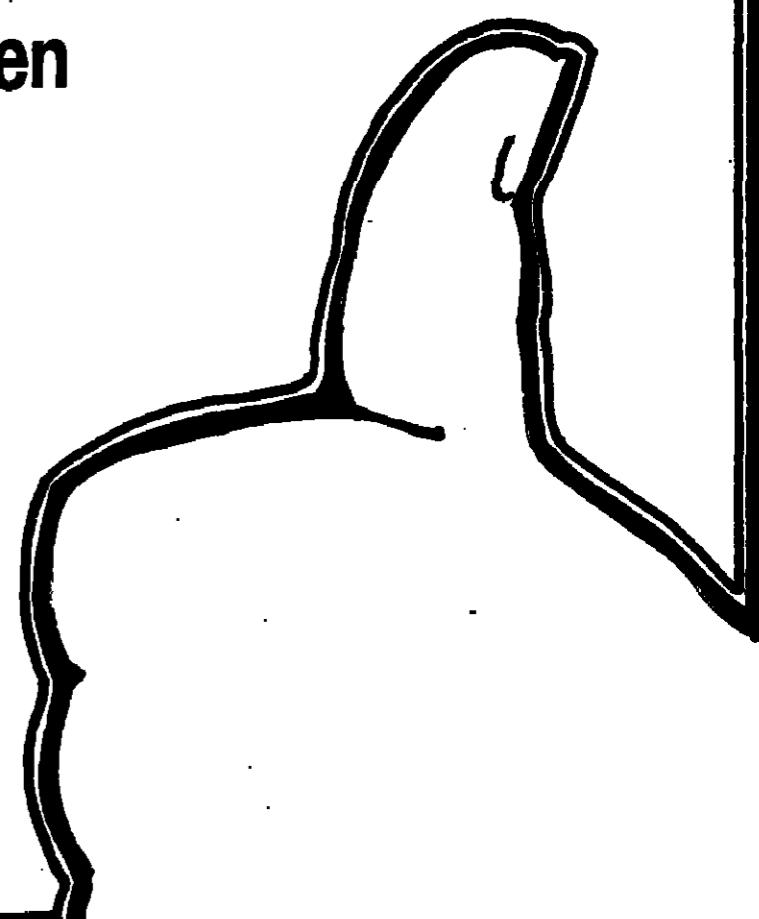
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Windies snatch dramatic victory

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 1 (AP) — The West Indies Monday snatched an exciting victory by four wickets with four balls left over. India in the first cricket Test match played in Jamaica.

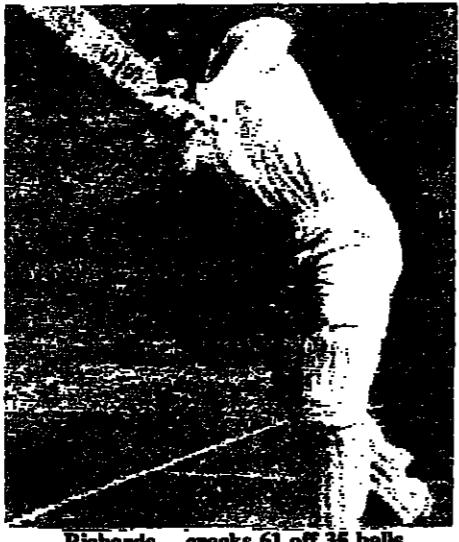
Requiring 172 runs to win after fast bowler Andy Roberts had routed the Indian tailend by taking four wickets for one run after tea, the West Indies were powered to victory at a rate of over six runs an over by star batsman Vivian Richards, who clouted four sixes and five fours off only 35 deliveries in scoring 61. The final scores in the match were India 251 and 174, West Indies 254 and 173 for six wickets.

As an excited crowd of 5,000, the majority of whom had come onto the Sabina Park Ground when a West Indian victory appeared likely, cheered every stroke. The

West Indies squad went into the final over requiring six runs to win.

When Jeff Dujon, a native Jamaican, hoisted the second ball from medium pacer Mohinder Amarnath for six over square-leg, he was followed off the field by hundreds of jubilant spectators. The tremendous finish was an unexpected development after the loss of the entire fourth day because of rain and a further hour at the start Monday because of damp spots on the pitch.

As India, 81 for three at the start, went to lunch at 112 for four and to 167 for six, a draw appeared inevitable. But then Roberts, the 32-year-old veteran in his 41st Test match, opened the way to an outright result by dismissing the last four Indian batsmen — Syed Kirmani, Balwinder Singh Sandhu,



Richards... cracks 61 off 35 balls

Srinivasa Venkatrighavan and Maninder Singh — from 32 overs for one run after tea.

The first three went to Roberts first over after the break. He finished with innings figures of five for 39 and match figures of nine for 100 and was later chosen man of the match. Again the Indian batting was frail and only Mohinder Amarnath, out on the third day Saturday, passed 30. He scored 40.

The West Indies, who had six overs batting before the mandatory final 20 started, were given a rousing start by Desmond Haynes, who hit a six and four fours off only 21 deliveries in making 34. Captain Clive Lloyd's decision to promote himself in the order to No. 3 failed when he was out to Kapil Dev, for three. But at 65 for two, Richards filled the breach.

Although suffering from a painful left shoulder which required on-the-field treatment, he dominated the Indian bowling from his third ball, which he lifted into the pavilion at midwicket for his first six off off-spinner Venkatrighavan. This was the signal for a succession of brilliant strokes which was only ended when he was caught at deep midwicket off a full toss from Amarnath.

By then, the West Indies had also lost opener Gordon Greenidge for 42 and Roberts for 1 and were 165 for five. But Gus Logie hit his first ball off Amarnath for an enormous six and, even though he was leg before wicket to Kapil Dev for 10 with an over remaining, the West Indies only needed five off the final six balls.

Dujon formalized the result amid scenes of frenzy with his six hit, the eighth in the innings for the West Indies. The victory puts them 1-0 up the five Tests series with the second Test starting in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, on March 11.

Score-board

India (1st Innings)	251
West Indies (1st Innings)	254
India (2nd Innings)	0
S. Gavaskar c Greenidge b Marshall	23
A. Gaekwad c Greenidge b Marshall	40
M. Amarnath c Garner b Marshall	20
D. Venkateswaran c Garner b Marshall	24
V. Srinivasan c Greenidge b Holding	12
Kapil Dev c Dujon b Roberts	12
R. Shastri not out	25
S. Kirmani c Haynes b Roberts	10
B.S. Sandhu c Garner b Roberts	0
S. Venkatrighavan c Greenidge b Roberts	0
Maninder Singh c Holding b Roberts	2
Extras:	28
Total:	174
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-68, 3-69, 4-112, 5-132, 6-136, 7-168, 8-168, 9-168.	
Remaining: Roberts 24.2-0-39-5; Holding 17.4-36-2; Marshall 24.6-56-3; Garner 13.6-10-0; Gomes 7.2-0-0.	
West Indies (2nd Innings):	
G. Greenidge b Kapil Dev	42
D. Haynes b Kapil Dev	34
C. Lloyd c Amarnath b Kapil Dev	3
V. Richards c Kapil Dev b Amarnath	61
A. Roberts b Amarnath	1
A. Logie lbw Kapil Dev	10
J. Dujon not out	17
M. Marshall not out	0
Extras:	4
Total: (for 6 wkt.)	172

(Scores incomplete)

Splendid all-round display by Nusrat

By a Staff Writer

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Garvey... off to Padres

Sutton... trains with Brewers

Garvey, Sutton to don new colors

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — As the Major League Baseball camps officially opened, several veteran players found themselves in new locales — or in new positions.

The most notable changes involved Steve Garvey and Don Sutton, a pair of former Dodgers who are beginning this season with new teams, and Bob Horner and Jack Clark, who will experiment at different positions.

All major league players were required to report by Tuesday, with the exhibition games beginning on Saturday. Garvey arrived in the San Diego Padres' training camp at Yuma, Arizona, while Sutton reported to the Milwaukee Brewers' base in Sun City, Arizona.

Clark, the slugging right fielder with the

powerful arm, might be moving from the outfield to first base. San Francisco Giants manager Frank Robinson hasn't made up his mind on that switch, however.

Horner could be moving from third base to left field, where he will play during intrasquad games Tuesday and Wednesday. Horner has played third base exclusively since joining the Braves in 1978.

The Baltimore Orioles have arranged for rain insurance for the entire home portion of their 1983 schedule. The team estimates it lost about \$41 million in revenue after seven postponements last season. So Lloyds of London is providing the insurance.

There are 18 teams training in Florida and seven in Arizona. The California Angels train at Palm Springs, California.

Willis, who led England through a disappointing tour of Australia and New Zealand, was speaking on his arrival at Heathrow Airport.

"I'm prepared to captain England as long as they want me, but I should also be quite happy to play if I was not captain," said the Warwickshire fast bowler. Willis said he did not see an immediate successor among the England players.

"I don't think there is anyone yet ready for the job," he said. "I don't think David Gower is ready yet. I would let him consolidate his position as a world class batsman first."

Meanwhile, England star, Ian Botham has been playing cricket for the past two years with serious injury problems, according to his father Les Botham.

Confirming weekend reports that his son had aggravated back and rib injuries by playing too much, he said that a long lay off was the only cure. Les Botham said Monday: "Ian's total commitment and determination not to let England down has, in fact, been his worst enemy."

Gloom in England's rugby camp

STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire, March 1 (AFP) — The England rugby team suffered a double injury blow during Monday night's squad session at Stourbridge as they prepared for Saturday's Calcutta Cup game against Scotland at Twickenham.

Full back Dusty Hare quit after only half a hour, having aggravated the chest muscle injury he suffered playing for Leicester in Saturday's John Player Cup tie against Wakefield. Then, in the dying moments of the session, new scrum half Nigel Melville limped off the pitch after turning the same ankle he sprained a week ago.

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Thanks to goalkeeper Jennings

Arsenal weathers 'Boro' storm

LONDON, March 1 (AFP) — Magnificent goals by Tony Woodcock and Paul Davis in the opening 14 minutes should have given Arsenal a comfortable passage into the quarterfinals of the England F.A. Cup at Highbury here Monday night.

Such is Arsenal's anxiety complex at the



Jennings .. keeps 'Boro' at bay

And now farmers join Shergar hunt

DUBLIN, March 1 (AFP) — The search for the missing racehorse Shergar, kidnapped three weeks ago, took a new turn Tuesday as 15,000 farmers in Eire began their own intensive 48-hour hunt for the horse.

The farmers have downed tools to join in the countrywide search for the horse, ransomed at two million pounds, following an appeal from their union. John Brophy, who is leading the operation, said he thought the farmers' help in searching sheds and fields could be "invaluable" for the police.

Shergar, at ten million pounds the world's most expensive horse, was kidnapped from the Aga Khan's racing stud at Ballymany, County Kildare, on Feb. 8. Since then all attempts to find the horse have failed. No one even knows whether Shergar, a former Derby winner now retired to stud, is still alive.

As the mystery deepens so fears are mounting that the kidnapping could lead to disastrous consequences for the Irish economy with many owners apparently ready to move their studs to the United States.

Shergar's owners, of whom the Aga Khan is the biggest shareholder, have also put in a 20 million pounds demand for compensation to the local authorities in County Kildare to cover their losses on the horse.

moment that they allowed Second Division Middlesbrough to battle back, dominate play for long periods and come close to forcing extra-time.

Against a ruggedly determined 'Boro' who mixed jarring tactics with moments of splendid attacking play, Arsenal could not settle — and in the end were thankful to their Northern Ireland goalkeeper, Pat Jennings.

Woodcock put Arsenal ahead with a textbook header in the eighth minute, rising to meet a Graham Rix center beyond the far post. Three minutes later Davis had a diving header cleared off the line by Mowbray, but in the 14th minute the Arsenal midfielder struck a brilliant twenty-yard shot past goalkeeper O'Hanlon.

Middlesbrough battled back, and a 29th-minute David Shearer goal signalled the start of panic for Arsenal: A 60th-minute Brian Talbot free-kick into the top corner of the net re-established Arsenal's two-goal advantage, but they continued to wilt. When Shearer scored his second goal in the 75th minute, it was left to Jennings to keep Middlesbrough at bay and earn Arsenal a quarterfinal meeting with Aston Villa, the European champions.

A twice-taken penalty seven minutes from time gave Burnley a dramatic victory in their fifth round replay at home to Crystal Palace. The Londoners, the better side in the first half, took a tremendous second half pounding, but looked set to force extra-time when Burnley struck.

Steve Taylor went round goalkeeper David Fry and looked certain to score until Billy Gilbert got back to tip the ball over the bar with his hand.

Gilbert was booked but allowed to stay on the field as Brian Laws stepped up to take the penalty. The Burnley full back drove the ball wide, but the kick was ordered retaken because Fry moved too early. This time Taylor stepped up to take the kick and sent Fry the wrong way to earn Burnley's seventh successive victory at Turf Moor this season.

In the Scottish Cup fourth round replay, Patrick Thistle thrashed Clyde away six nil, to earn a quarterfinal tie at home to Aberdeen.

Meanwhile, the draws were revised for the English and Scottish Football Association (F.A.) Cup quarterfinals: The English draw pits Arsenal vs Aston Villa, Burnley vs Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton vs Norwich and Manchester United vs Everton.

Results

ENGLISH FA. CUP	
Arsenal	3 Middlesbrough
(Arsenal at home to Aston Villa)	2
Burnley	1 Crystal Palace
(Burnley at home to Sheffield Wednesday)	0
Clyde	0
(Patrick at home to Aberdeen)	6
SCOTTISH CUP	
Southend	2 Wrexham
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Villas ... does it in style

Vilas cuts Slozil to size

DELRAY BEACH, Florida, March 1 (AP) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas breezed past Pavel Slozil of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-4, 6-0 Monday to win the rain-delayed \$300,000 WCT Gold Coast Tennis Championship.

Vilas, who now heads for Argentina to represent his homeland in Davis Cup matches against the United States, pocketed \$100,000 for the triumph. Slozil won \$32,000 his biggest payday ever.

The Argentine dominated the match from the outset as tricky, gusty winds forced Slozil to commit 40 errors on his forehand, usually the 27-year-old Czechoslovakian's most formidable weapon. "The wind bothered me some. But I was able to com-

pensate for it," said Vilas. "Since it was risky trying for the corners, I concentrated on being steady and playing it as safe as I could."

Slozil said Vilas' steadiness was the key to the match, which was postponed because of heavy rain Sunday at Laver's International Tennis Resort.

"When I started play, I thought I had a good chance to win," said Slozil. "My tennis here had been excellent. I felt I was on my game. But those were very hard conditions out there. It was difficult to win points."

Later, Slozil shared an added prize of \$13,280 with Tomas Smid, also of Czechoslovakia, for defeating Anand Amritraj and Johan Kriek in the doubles final 7-6, 6-4.

European soccer clashes

Withe's return should pep up Villa

BIRMINGHAM, England, March 1 (R) — European champions Aston Villa are ready to call up defender Brendan Ormsby after a four-month lay-off in a bid to solve an injury problem for their intriguing clash with Italy's Juventus here Wednesday.

Ormsby, who has played for the English First Division side only once this season will be included if Des Bremner fails to recover from an ankle injury which kept him out of the last three matches. Although he will be short of match practice if he plays in the quarterfinals first-leg game, Ormsby can call on the experience he gained during Villa's triumphant campaign last year which culminated in their winning the trophy for the first time. He played three times as deputy for the injured Ken McNaught, against Iceland's Valur Reykjavik and West Germans' Dynamo Berlin.

Villa will be boosted in attack by the return after a two-month suspension of striker Peter Withe, who replaces Mark Walters.

Tony Morley, Villa's England winger, suffered a minor knee injury in the club's 2-1 league defeat by Watford Saturday but is expected to be fit. Villa have improved steadily after a modest start to the season and are now fifth in the First Division, though 21 points behind leaders Liverpool.

In the women's singles holder Zhang Ailing of China also has a tough task ahead. She has been clubbed with former champion Lene Koppen of Denmark, who had graciously resigned at the All-England till the last two years. China's Li Longwei, the No. 2, has her compatriot Han Aiping, No. 3, as her main challenger on the way to the final.

KAIA 'B' in driver's seat

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 1 — KAIA 'B' trounced Arabian Homes 'B' 8-1, logging 11 points from that victory, and built up an unassailable lead for the Arab News Cup. They are now 16 points clear over three rivals with four matches still remaining.

Toshiba, who had hopes of promotion to Division Two this year will have to reassess

their prospects after their 8-1 drubbing by Dowsett/NCI in the race for the Abbott Owen Cup. This defeat pushes Toshiba down to fifth position and Dowsett/NCI, who are heading the table, are now six points clear of Lockheed, who scraped through 5-4 away to Bell Canada.

KAIA 'A' upholding the traditions of KAIA 'B' have extended their lead for the Mobil Cup with an easy 8-1 victory over Saudia City Lets. Raytheon have hit the winning trail again and move into second place. But with the advantage of 18 points the KAIA side are already preparing for the silverware!

In the Saudi Gazette-sponsored Division One, a new leader has emerged, in fact there are joint leaders. Juffali with a narrow 5-4 win over Dunes 'A' and Riofinix/BRGM 'A', who defeated Arabian Homes 'A' 6-3, now head the table with 33 points apiece.

From Saudi Letco's view, however, they are only temporarily enjoying the heady experience. For next week's matches could well see a change in the positions. Letco travel to Skanska 'A' and Juffali entertain fourth-placed Saudi Irregulars and the outcome could throw up an outright leader.

How they stand

DIVISION ONE

	P. Pts.
Juffali	4 33
Riofinix/BRGM	4 33
Saudia Letco	3 31
Saudia Irregulars	3 28
Skanska 'A'	3 19
Dunes 'B'	4 14
Arabian Homes 'A'	5 12
Dunes 'A'	4 10

DIVISION TWO

	P. Pts.
KAIA 'A'	5 52
Raytheon	5 34
Saudia Letco	5 32
Saudia Lets	5 29
Mobil 'A'	4 22
Skanska 'B'	3 21
Weimer/Trachte	4 18
SAE Italia	5 8

DIVISION THREE

	P. Pts.
Dowsett/NCI	5 46
Lockheed	4 40
SANG	5 32
Bell Canada	5 29
Toshiba	5 27
City Services	5 23
Riofinix/BRGM 'B'	4 19
IAL	4 12

DIVISION FOUR

	P. Pts.
KAIA 'B'	5 53
Petromin/UOP	4 37
Arabian Homes 'B'	4 34
Al	4 23
AOPC	3 21
Gray Mackenzie	4 15
Riofinix/BRGM 'C'	5 14
Mobil 'B'	4 13
Dunes 'C'	3 6

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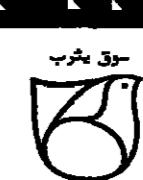
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Strauss bid for national role worries opponents

By Ralph Boulton

SCHONGAU, West Germany —

Right-winger Franz Josef Strauss although highly popular in his Bavarian political stronghold, faces deep suspicion in Bonn as he pursues his next political prize — the post of foreign minister in West Germany's government.

The Bavarian premier, 67, commands local support that would be the envy of his many political enemies. His Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) regularly captures over 60 percent of the vote there. "I suppose you could say that was a home match-for-me," he said after addressing some of his adoring followers in the loyal village of Schongau.

Strauss was given a rapturous reception in the place where he opened his first election campaign 33 years ago. In Bavaria, there are no serious challengers to his supremacy. But his recent announcement that he might desert Bavaria and return to national politics after general elections on Sunday has worried opponents in Bonn who fear his blunt speaking and right-wing views.

The former finance and defense minister has appeared only twice outside Bavaria during the election campaign and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who leads the CSU's Christian Democratic (CDU) sister party in northern Germany, has made only two visits to Strauss' southern "kingdom."

Placards showing Strauss and the chancellor

stand uneasily back-to-back at intervals along the wind-swept streets of the Bavarian capital of Munich. Six years ago, the burly Bavarian said in a private speech to colleagues that Kohl, then opposition leader, was totally incapable of ruling. The comments, leaked to the press soon after, opened painful wounds in the alliance.

Last November, two months after Kohl was elected chancellor, his Bavarian rival tried to mend fences by saying he had grown into his job. But aides of the Bavarian premier say animosity remains. Officials in the Bonn chancellery spend hours telephoning Munich to smooth disputes within the governing three-party coalition. Kohl's greatest headache is keeping a balance between the CSU and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's Liberal Free Democrats (FDP).

Strauss makes no secret of his contempt for Genscher's role in the FDP's previous 13-year alliance with the Social Democrats (SPD) which he says, brought West Germany to the verge of economic ruin. "Think with horror of the day when Genscher is no longer available to serve as foreign minister. Our foreign policy will collapse and our republic will degenerate into chaos" he said with characteristic irony.

Current opinion polls suggest the FDP may lose all its parliamentary seats at the forthcoming elections. But Strauss' scathing remarks are not reserved exclusively for the Liberals. He dismisses

placards showing Strauss and the chancellor

the SPD's candidate for chancellor, Hans-Jochen Vogel, as an opportunist and philistine while the radical ecologist Green Party is called a potential threat to democracy.

Strauss said he "would not exclude the possibility" of coming to Bonn if offered the post of foreign minister but added that his own personal wish was to stay in Bavarian government. His ideal post in Bonn, he joked, would be that of Bavarian ambassador. But neither supporters nor opponents are convinced by his modest statements.

Most Bavarian supporters agree that after his shattering defeat as CDU CSU candidate for chancellor in the 1980 national election, Strauss had little prospect of ever assuming that office. His candidacy sparked a bitter campaign against strong left-wing opposition, spilling over into violent protests. Political enemies also revived debate about a defense secrets scandal that prompted his resignation as defense minister in 1962.

The affair began with a report in a weekly news magazine alleging that Bonn's defense strategy conflicted with NATO's. Strauss ordered the arrest of one of the magazine's reporters and its editorial offices were raided. He at first denied any part in the affair but later stepped down after being implicated.

The poll campaign ended with the Union Parties' worst electoral defeat since the republic was founded in 1949. But its unquestioned strength within the CSU guarantees his role as the gray

eminence in any government led by Kohl. If the FDP lost all its parliamentary seats, the chancellor could do little to deny Strauss' scarcely concealed ambitions. Strauss outlined his views to the captivated Schongau audience.

"The cause of insecurity in Europe — the Soviet Union — is an inhumane regime — the Soviet Union — which is oppressing 100 million people in Eastern Europe and 260 million of its own citizens," he said.

On disarmament, he rejects the American proposal of a total ban on all Soviet and U.S. medium-range missiles in Europe as unrealistic and unattainable.

The aim, he says, is admirable. But the Soviet Union would never agree to scrap 30 billion rubles worth of investment in its new SS-20 missiles.

"After decades of observing Soviet Union's policy and mentality, I can say that this is out of the question," he said.

Soviet officials in Bonn are phlegmatic about the possibility of dealing with a foreign minister like Strauss. The Bavarian leader has had frequent dealings with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko during official visits and also met the late President Leonid Brezhnev.

But it seems certain that his hardline views would bring a significant change in atmosphere to bilateral relations with Moscow. However, diplomats

said it would be difficult to gauge what concrete effect this would have on East-West relations in Geneva. (R)

Fraser loses gloss, faces stiff opposition in election

By Adrian Hamilton

SYDNEY —

If the Australian election on March 5 is being treated as the "lucky country" at the crossroads, it is a view that has been greatly encouraged by the prime minister, Malcolm Fraser.

In a country obsessed with the battle between unions and bosses, and now made more apocalyptic by drought and business, "Big Mal" has carefully presented the occasion as a rerun of the 1979 British election, with Labor leader Bob Hawke cast as the appeaser of the unions and himself cast as the man of fiscal iron.

The political reality is rather less grandiose. Fraser has long since lost his reputation, at least in the business community, as the man of monetarist purity of three elections ago. Instead, he is more and more treated as a magician, the master of political tactics.

But for ill health he would have called the election last November, after a give-away budget that shook some of his more financially conservative colleagues and left no one in any doubt that the election would have to take place before the bills came in.

After the polling, Fraser or his rival Hawke will face budget decisions of quite horrendous proportions, with a budget deficit likely to run well over \$A4 billion against a forecast of less than \$2 billion.

Droughts, and the obvious need to subsidize farmers, may conveniently help to hide from voters the true extent of Fraser's overspending, but for the markets, and for the financial community, Australia will present some unhappy trends on interest and exchange rates unless drastic budgetary action is taken.

Fraser would clearly like business to believe — and business does not need much convincing — that it is unions that have been the cause of Australia's dramatic inflationary burst of the last two years, a rate that is still running at twice that of its major competitors.

There's not much doubt that wage push has been the major factor in inflation. Average earnings rose at a percentage rate well into double figures last year and were still rising fast when Fraser sought a statutory freeze last December. He argues that the return of Labor would reopen the floodgates, and points to what has happened to public-sector wages in the state of Victoria which recently voted a Labor government.

Hawke replies that he can achieve more through

a voluntary accord with the unions than Fraser can by compulsion, and his history as a union leader gives his argument some force. Both parties are wedded to wage control, voluntary or statutory, as the means of controlling inflation.

As in the U.S. and Europe, however, the real determinant of wage inflation in Australia is more likely to be recession, whoever wins the elections.

Thanks to a surge in investment in energy and energy-related projects after the second oil shock of 1979, Australia sustained high growth rates after the rest of the world went into recession. Coal mining and alumina plants led the way and it was in these industries that wage rises shot up to 20 percent and above two years ago.

Now the mining, energy and raw materials sector, which makes up more than 40 percent of exports, has been brought to a sudden standstill by the contraction of Japanese import requirements, on which Australia had become excessively dependent.

Looking to a future where Japanese raw material and energy requirements may never grow at the pace once expected, and where agriculture may take a decade to recover from drought, one can understand why a few Australians are asking

whether the lucky country's luck has finally run out.

It is not a question that the majority of Australians, or the parties in this election, ask, however. Australia has seen these boom and bust periods before and come out on top. Why not again?

Essentially, this is an old-fashioned personality election. Who do you feel safer with in times of trouble — a Fraser who has lost much of his gloss or a Hawke who has plenty of gloss but no solid experience (he has only recently entered parliament from the unions)?

The opinion polls, the loss of Fraser votes in the big cities hardest hit by recession, would point to change. But Fraser has too often confounded expectations with his tactical brilliance. (ONS)

Letters to the editor

Bogus degrees

Sir,

The availability "at a price" of impressive-looking, but academically worthless, university certificates and degrees is an all-too-well-known, but lamentable fact of modern society. Most "institutions" offering such credentials exist only as post office boxes to which the dishonest purchaser of education may send his money in expectation of academic distinction. It is indeed unfortunate that some employers pay so little attention to the credibility of academic credentials presented by potential employees. Is it surprising then that criminal elements should try to capitalize on this laxity?

Employers should be aware that illegitimate academic credentials emanate not only from diploma mills having no active student body, but from otherwise reputable institutions as well with the aid of unscrupulous staff who have been recruited to sell their integrity at only slight personal risk. To document this statement, I have enclosed a copy of an undated letter received this past week from a German organization. It was an undisguised probe to determine whether I would be willing to assist its "clients" in obtaining credentials bearing the name of the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Of course, my response will be a most emphatic "No," but it should be recognized that similar temptations are being extended to the staff of prestigious universities the world over — and it would be unrealistic to expect that none will succumb to the enticements of cash. Consequently, those who deal regularly with applications for employment should be vigilant concerning the authenticity of all academic

credentials. And one should be particularly wary of records from an unknown institution.

I am confident that you share my concern over these illegitimate academic documents. It is likely that the advertisement on Page 3 of the Feb. 21 edition of *Arab News* offering degrees at "surprisingly low cost" was printed by accident. The very

fact that Dr. (!) Bear views the Kingdom as a market place for effortless degrees should be seen as both slanderous and insulting.

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Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent Society

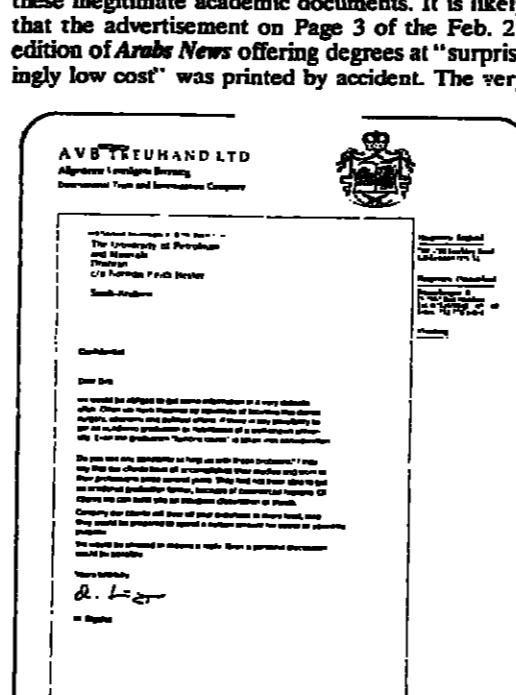
Sir,

Apropos the report in your paper quoting Yousef Berhanu, former chairman of the Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent Society, I would like to clarify that Berhanu does not any longer represent the Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent Society. True, he was its chairman once upon a time. But the society underwent changes and out he went as part of these changes.

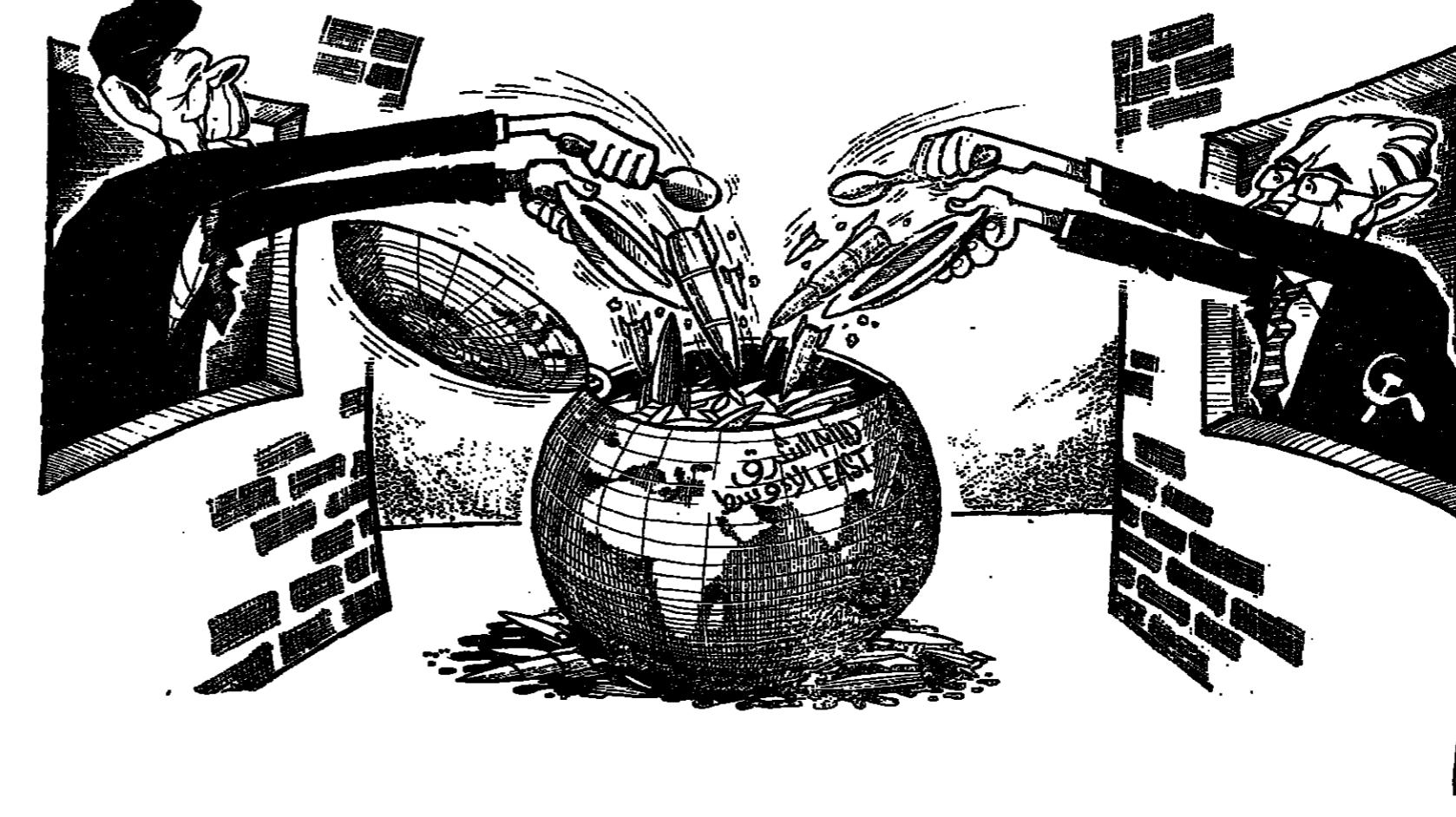
We have informed the authorities about his replacement by Haile Qarza Ishaq. The general secretary of the Arab Red Crescent-Cross Societies circulated the decision in due course and sent a copy to the society's Middle East manager. Copies of cables congratulating the new chairman were also circulated.

I am attaching herewith a copy of the documents to prevent persons like Yousef Berhanu from speaking in the name of the society.

Muhammad Adam Idris
Member of executive committee,
Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent Society and
Middle East regional manager.



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An American author sets the example

Children's books as cultural ambassadors

Amina and Muhammad's Special Visitor by Diane Bourgoyne and Illustrated by Penny Williams Yaquib, 1982. Middle East Gateways Series, 58 pages SR25.

By Jean Grant

"Happy families are all alike," said that giant of world literature, Leo Tolstoy. In their just-published children's book, *Amina and Muhammad's Special Visitor*, Diane Bourgoyne and Penny Yaquib give us one such happy family in Alkhobar. Children from Tipperary to Timbuktu will recognize 7 year-old Amina and her 5 year-old brother Muhammad as being very much like themselves. They too have known sibling rivalry, been told to mind their table manners, been asked to help tidy up for visitors and dreamed of pets they could not have and learned to be happy with compromises.

The plot of *Amina and Muhammad's Special Visitor* is bland: Amina and Muhammad return home after school one day to be promised a great surprise. With a slight disappointment, they learn that the surprise is just a visitor, Uncle Hassan. They cheer up on learning that he is a wonderful storyteller and eagerly help in the preparations to welcome the jolly uncle. On his arrival, the family eat together and listen to Uncle Hassan tell a story of his childhood in Hufuf.

As a lad Hassan had dreamed of having a baby camel of his own. By chance one day, he found one, but knowing that he must return it to his owner, he set out sadly to find him. When the owner was finally found, both Hassan and the camel were heartbroken. The happy ending comes two weeks later when Hassan visits his uncle in the oasis to discover that the "new helper to harvest the dates" is none other than his beloved baby camel. Hassan visits the camel regularly develops a fondness for each other which only grows stronger as the years pass by.

The story shows young readers the rapid modernization of the Kingdom. When Uncle Hassan comments on changes in Alkhobar, and exclaims, "So many people! So many cars! There would be no place for me to put my camel," his nephew laughs incredulously thinking his jolly uncle is joking. But after the story is over, and he goes to sleep in his modern bedroom, he too will dream the very traditional dream of owning a camel.

"I wanted to show that children living in Saudi Arabia had much the same lifestyle as anywhere else," said Bourgoyne, who has lived in Dhahran off and on for almost a decade. "Basically the values are not different from what an American child would be taught: respect for elders, good manners, and helping your mother."

"With kids anything different from what they know is open to criticism. If they understand why people act the way they do they will not fall into the prejudice and ill feeling that can grow up so easily between different cultures."

Bourgoyne first wrote the story for her daughter Marisa who was 6 years old when the Bourgoynes came to Saudi Arabia from the U.S. in 1977. She wondered why Saudi Arabians dressed and ate differently and had



HASSAN AND CAMEL: One of the attractions of *Amina and Muhammad* is the illustrations by Penny Williams Yaquib like the one (above) showing Hassan leading his camel outside the old Hufuf gate when he was a boy and (below) the uncle Hassan greeting the kids.



Filipino press undergoes trial on war medal issue

By William Branigin

MANILA (WP) — Under the glare of television cameras in a courtroom in the Philippines, someone yelled that the building was on fire. The judge hastily adjourned the session until firefighters extinguished an electrical blaze.

"Now there's going to be another charge against us," joked Jose Burgos Jr., editor and publisher of the opposition tabloid newspaper *We Forum* and charged with conspiring with a now-defunct urban guerrilla group of arsonists to subvert and topple the government.

The incident livened up what lawyers said was one of the tamer sessions of the nine-week-old case, in which 15 of Burgos' staffers and contributors also have been charged. Earlier, the proceedings had to be adjourned when a defense lawyer, gesturing grandly, knocked off a colleague's toupee. On a separate occasion the judge fined another defense lawyer \$22 for contempt of court when he blared out loud at a prosecutor's remarks.

With spectators and reporters jamming into the small courtroom, the trial has taken on something of a circus atmosphere. But aside from its entertainment value, lawyers say, the trial has serious implications that keep it a focus of keen public interest. Beyond the immediate charges — for which the maximum penalty is death — defense lawyers see the proceedings as part of a trial of press freedom in the Philippines, the latest turn of the screw in a six-month-old campaign against dissidents. The arrests were ordered by Marcos after the paper published a series questioning whether he merited all of the World War II medals that he reportedly won.

The case and related developments also demonstrate that although Marcos lifted martial law two years ago last month, it remains substantially in effect for practical purposes through a series of presidential decrees still being used to arrest and detain dissidents. According to Marcos' opponents, the crackdown started shortly before he made a state visit to the United States in September, ending a period of some liberalization after martial law was lifted in January 1981.

Dissident labor leaders were rounded up and put on trial, stemming — at least for the time being — a movement toward political protest strikes. Next the government launched a campaign against radical elements among the Roman Catholics. Then in

December the authorities closed *We Forum*, bringing the subversion charges and sponsoring a separate libel case against Burgos and the author of the offending article. At the same time, six women journalists were summoned to a series of interrogations by the president's National Intelligence Board that they said were aimed at intimidating them.

Two weeks after closing *We Forum*, Marcos threatened to take action against the pro-government *Bulletin Today* newspaper if it did not publish his denial of a letter it printed charging that political prisoners had been tortured. Early this month the military followed up by threatening to file charges of "scurrilous libel" against *Panorama*, the Sunday magazine of *Bulletin Today*. The army has since backed off slightly by announcing the dissolution of the National Intelligence Board committee that had been interrogating the women journalists, who sought an injunction from the Philippine supreme court.

Most of Manila's major newspapers and television stations, including *Bulletin Today*, are owned by Marcos' friends and loyally exercise a "self-censorship" that cuts out critical reporting. But some reporters and columnists still manage to air critical views, and authorities often ignore opposition papers with small circulations in Manila and the provinces.

While there is some disagreement among diplomatic observers on opposition leaders' claims that the crackdowns on labor and the press amount to a coordinated campaign of political repression, there is little doubt that a trend toward more press freedom has been arrested.

"Marcos went to the United States and didn't get the sort of rubbing he thought he might get on human rights," a Western diplomat said. "He returned from Washington pretty confident both of himself and the way he is viewed in the U.S."

Marcos "was probably feeling in the last quarter that it was time to make a show of strength again," this diplomat said. "The press was becoming more outspoken, and *We Forum* offered the opportunity he wanted."

According to former Philippine President Diosdado Macapagal, a deeper cause for the crackdown was "an increased threat to stability" from the country's mounting economic problems and a growing insurgency by Communist guerrillas.

While most observers thus see the medals story as a pretext for a crackdown, no one disputes that Marcos is highly sensitive about

his war record. During the fight against the Japanese in World War II, Marcos reportedly was wounded several times and emerged as the most decorated Filipino veteran of the war, according to his supporters. That status has greatly helped his political career.

However, a retired Philippine Army major and opposition figure living in the United States, Bonifacio Gillago, suggested in a monograph based on U.S. records that some of Marcos' reported exploits were exaggerated and that he was not present at certain battles for which he was decorated.

Local press accounts have given various numbers for Marcos' war medals ranging from 26 to 33. Among them are the American Distinguished Service Cross, two U.S. silver stars and four purple hearts.

Marcos' official World War II biography also claims that he was recommended for the highest American award for valor, the congressional medal of honor, for almost single-handedly delaying the fall of Bataan, but that the papers got lost in transit to Corregidor.

"What I'm sure of is that the government

has been very successful in silencing *We Forum* and instilling fear in people," publisher Burgos said. "The main concern is to stifle dissent, to keep people from complaining."

"At the moment there is no freedom of the press," said Joker P. Arroyo, one of a battery of defense lawyers in the case. He noted that although the Philippines has press freedom law that is a carbon copy of the first amendment of the U.S. constitution, Marcos has the power, under a Sept. 12, 1980, decree issued during martial law, to stifle the press.

In the subversion case against Burgos and his codefendants, defense lawyers charge, the government manipulated another case to get the "evidence" it needed. They said that on Dec. 13 — hours before the Burgos group was to be arraigned — two defendants in the three-year-old case of the accused Light-a-Fire Movement arsonists suddenly turned state's witness and implicated Burgos.

The following day the major Manila newspapers all carried identical stories linking the accused in the Light-a-Fire and *We Forum* cases as members of one conspiracy.



NOMINATED: Nominations for the 55th Annual Academy Awards were announced in Hollywood last month. Nominated for best actor in a leading role are (top, left to right) Dustin Hoffman (*Tootsie*), Ben Kingsley (*Gandhi*), and Peter O'Toole (*My Favorite Year*); (bottom, left to right) Jack Lemmon (*Missing*) and Paul Newman (*The Verdict*).

Oscar nominations leave many uneasy

By Rob Thomas

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Nominations for the 55th Academy Awards for motion pictures elevated no eyebrows, but they did raise some questions from longtime Oscar watchers.

Why did the prestige-laden *Sophie's Choice* fail to score for best picture and direction? Meryl Streep was cited for best actress, and Alan J. Pakula as writer, but not director. Was the film too artsy for academy voters?

If *Missing* was among the five best pictures of 1982, why wasn't Henri Costavas nominated for director? Wolfgang Petersen was named for *Das Boot* instead.

Do Alan and Marilyn Bergman have a monopoly on writing lyrics for movie songs? They are nominated for lyrics in the original song category for "If we were in love," from *Grease*, and "It might be you," from *Tootsie*.

Is it time to abolish the original song category? Most of them are designed to hype the end credits and have little connection with the movie.

Can we bury the myth that movies have to be released in December to catch the academy's attention? *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* (nine nominations), *Victor Victoria* (seven), *Das Boot* (six) and *Missing* (four) hit the screens during the first half of 1982.

Why did the voters overlook the talented E.T. youngsters for acting nominations?

The road to White House

By David Nagy

AMES, Iowa (R) — This quiet farm state, where hogs and cows outnumber people, is under invasion by city slickers in business suits who want to be president of the United States.

Former Vice President Walter Mondale made Iowa his first stop after declaring his candidacy for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination, visiting towns with the promise that: "I'm going to be the best farm president America ever had."

In the nomination campaigns, Iowa has become a "must-win" state ever since an obscure southerner named Jimmy Carter used Iowa as his launching pad in 1976.

With pressure intense to win early and build momentum, presidential hopefuls must return often, attending suppers and corn roasts, jollying voters along and telling Iowans they are among the most important people on earth.

And on Feb. 27 next year, the state will once again lead the parade of party meetings and primary election votes that send delegates to the presidential nominating conventions.

Marilyn Lagios, a Democratic Party worker in Iowa, said the selection process takes too long. "But I love it," she said. "And I think most Iowans like the attention."

With Mondale's rivals in the Democratic race also on the campaign trail, Iowans are not going to be disappointed.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, the former astronaut, was out in Iowa talking with cattle farmers recently. Sen. Gary Hoover of Colorado arrives in a few days and Sen. Alan Cranston of California visited two weeks ago.

But Mondale, 53, is the front runner. Vice

President under President Carter from 1977 to 1981 and now a leader of the party's liberal wing, has a vast political organization and strong support from organized labor and minority groups.

His support from the farmers of Iowa will not be determined by a primary election, as in New Hampshire, but by a complicated ritual that attracted little notice until Carter came along.

Democrats and Republicans in some 2,500 political districts known as "precincts" crowd into schools, homes and other meeting places to open a months-long delegate selection procedure for each party.

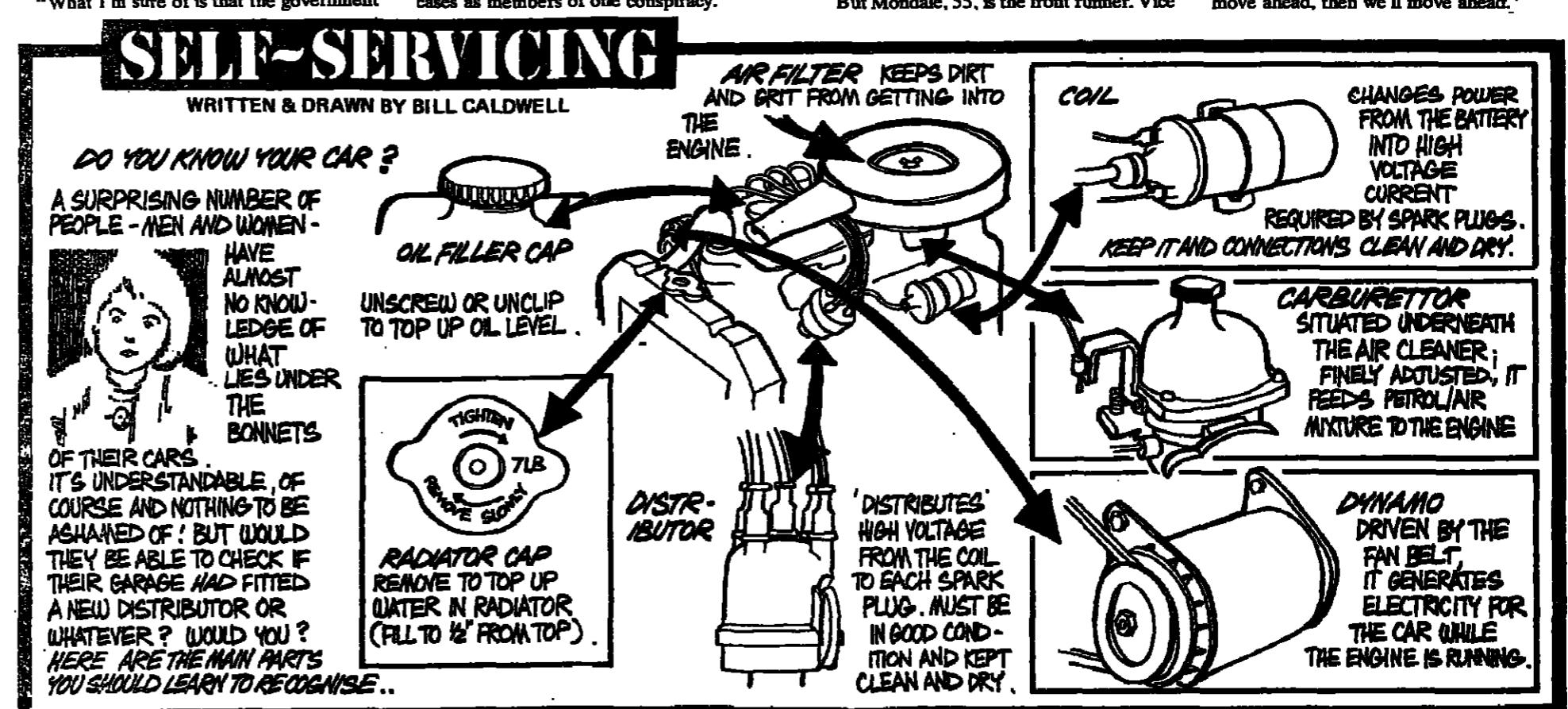
The "precinct caucus" vote sends delegates, apportioned by candidate preference on a county caucus, which leads to higher-level meetings at which the delegates to the national party convention are finally picked.

Iowa has only about three million people and about 200,000 of them, a minuscule fraction of the U.S. voting population, took part in the 1980 caucuses. The state has only 58 of the 3,923 Democratic convention delegates, and a similar proportion of the Republican.

Critics recall that Carter "won" the caucuses over many rivals 1976 with only 28 percent of the ballot. Most Iowa Democrats voted "uncommitted" — nevertheless Carter became a celebrity overnight.

Noting that some other states may try to break party rules and leapfrog ahead of Iowa in the 1984 delegate selection schedule, state Democratic Chairman Dave Nagle told Reuters that Iowa Democrats won't stand for it. They'd leapfrog back.

"We'll stay with the Feb. 27 (1984) date as long as there is a sliver of hope the others will comply," he said. "But if they force us to move ahead, then we'll move ahead."



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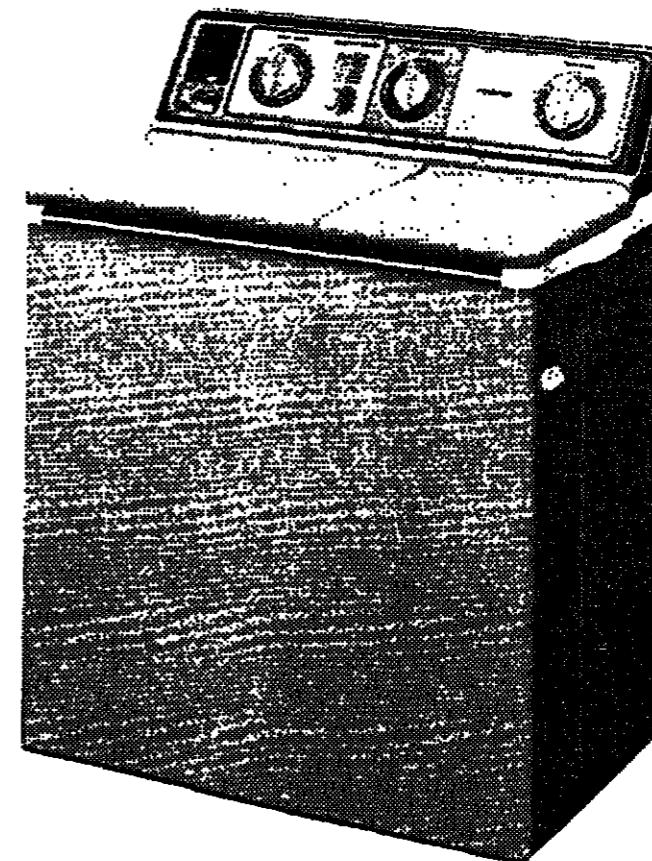
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As exports soar

Trade deficit of U.S. falls below \$3 billion

WASHINGTON, March 1 (R) — The U.S. trade deficit fell in January to its lowest level for nine months, mainly because exports of all kinds improved and the oil import bill was lower, the government has said.

The deficit dropped to slightly under \$3 billion, against \$3.37 billion in December, and was the smallest since March 1982, when the shortfall was \$2.5 billion.

But Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Dederick said in a statement that despite the short-term fall the imbalance would probably grow in the months ahead as the economic recovery stimulated imports.

Trade economist David Lund said that the trend toward higher imports of raw materials was a good sign for the economy since it suggested production had grown, but if it continued the trade balance would deteriorate.

Last month, for example, the United States stepped up its imports of unfinished cars from Canada as production levels increased in U.S. car plants.

IMF lends \$ 5.4b to Brazil

WASHINGTON, March 1 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Monday night, approved a \$5.4 billion financial package to assist debt-ridden Brazil.

The agreement, which followed a day of discussions by the international lending agency's executive board, was the latest IMF move to help countries in Latin America suffering from debt problems.

Brazil, one of the world's most indebted countries, ran into trouble when it tried to finance its development policies with loans from commercial banks. It had difficulty with its repayments partly because of the world recession and had to negotiate new loan schedules with commercial banks.

Brazil's problems intensified after massive

Bulgaria, Pakistan sign trade accord

ISLAMABAD, March 1 (AP) — Bulgaria and Pakistan will engage in trade worth \$36 million during 1983 under an agreement signed here Monday.

Officials of Pakistan's Commerce Ministry said Pakistani exports to Bulgaria will include raw cotton, cotton yarn, cotton textiles, ready-made garments, finished leather and leather goods.

Bulgaria will export to Pakistan pesticides, fertilizers, electrical goods, tools and workshop equipment, forklift trucks, sheet glass and telecommunication equipment, the officials said.

The agreement will increase bilateral trade in 1983 by 36 percent over the 1982 amount, when two-way trade reached \$26.5 million.

Total imports of manufactured goods rose steeply in January, by more than \$1 billion. Farm exports also grew, from \$2.6 billion in December to more than \$3 billion. But oil imports dropped to an average of 4.8 million barrels a day, compared with 5.1 million in December.

Dederick noted a \$60 million increase in Mexican imports from the U.S. Mexico had to restrict imports last year to save scarce foreign currency reserves.

He said he did not expect U.S. exports to Mexico and other developing countries to return to the high levels of earlier years due to continuing economic difficulties.

Administration officials have said the trade deficit could reach \$75 billion this year, way above the 1982 record of \$42.7 billion. They expect the growth in U.S. exports to be sluggish because of persistent recession abroad and a strong dollar, which makes American goods more expensive for foreign buyers.

EEC seeks textile talks with Turkey

BRUSSELS, March 1 (R) — The European Economic Community has called for emergency talks with Turkey on restricting its textile exports to the 10-nation bloc, officials said Monday.

Such a meeting, under an 18-year-old association agreement, could also be used by Turkey to air complaints about strained political relations with the community over alleged human rights violations, they said.

Although earlier attempts to convene a meeting have been rejected by Turkey, the community is keen to avoid taking action to curb Turkish clothing exports for a second year running.

Restrictions on Turkish T-shirts and other textiles imposed by the community expired at the end of 1982, and the officials said member states were pressing for similar measures to be taken this year.

They consider that a flood of the clothing exports shows no sign of slowing and threatens the community's recession-hit textile industry, they said. If Turkey accepted the quotas, a meeting would be held between ambassadors on March 11 in Brussels.

The community would be pressing Turkey to limit its clothing exports and to consider an arrangement governing all textiles, the officials said.

It would also try to persuade Turkey to drop a 15 percent levy on community iron and steel products which the officials said appeared to contravene international trade rules. The levy was imposed last December in retaliation to the textile restrictions, they said.

Although the community did not plan to raise wider political relations at the meeting, the officials said Turkey was likely to press for the restoration of financial aid, suspended after the military takeover.

Railmen's strike hits New Jersey

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — New Jersey rail workers began a strike early Tuesday that threatened to jam New York City's subways, buses and highways with 70,000 extra commuters, but union members on a second rail line into the city delayed their walkout for six days.

Members of the United Transportation Union in New Jersey began picketing after negotiations collapsed Monday night, but the union agreed to postpone its strike against Metro-North, a rail line that serves 85,000 commuters from Connecticut and northern New York suburbs, until 12:01 a.m. (0501 GMT) on March 7.

Many of the commuters that use both rail lines are leading executives of some of America's largest corporations.

With inflation running high Surfeit of money poses problem to S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, March 1 (R) — South Africa has a money problem — there is too much of it in the economy.

While the government is happier for foreigners to invest here rather than stay away, their eagerness to channel funds into shares of gold and industrial companies, and into the money markets to take advantage of a rising rand, has exacerbated the problem of controlling inflation and the money supply.

The price of gold, which accounts for about half of South Africa's exports, is at the root of the inflationary evil.

While high bullion prices over the last six months have helped cause a dramatic turnaround in the balance of payments, gold sales receipts have been piling into the republic at near-record rates.

Less than a month after the government abolished exchange controls for non-residents, a move which it hoped would siphon some cash abroad, financial analysts are already saying that further steps are needed to stop the already high inflation rate from wrecking a cautious economic recovery. But they say there is no easy solution to the problem.

The gold boom, though it abated somewhat last week as the price fell from the \$500 an ounce level to below \$470, has kept

the mines smiling but provoked mixed feelings at the Reserve Bank, which oversees monetary affairs.

Interest rates on the domestic money market have fallen dramatically and the authorities are worried that increased spending by companies and individuals will help to boost prices even further.

Inflation is running at 14 percent, more than double that of South Africa's main trading partners, and curbing it is the primary goal of the government's economic strategy this year.

The government thought that ending exchange controls for non-residents — introduced in 1961 when large amounts of capital left the country following political disturbances — would ease the situation, providing an incentive for foreign investors to sell their shares and take profits.

Although this happened for a new day, overseas orders came rushing back in. Gold shares, despite a sharp rise since last September, were still attractive to foreign investors and in the first week after the government's move the country's coffers swelled by some 250 million rand (\$230 million).

Together with sales of gold overseas, this extra cash pushed interest rates down, sur-

prising the Reserve Bank and hindering its attempts at monetary control.

Meanwhile, the rand, which had been rising steadily for the previous four months, continued its upward path. When the authorities lifted exchange controls for non-residents the rand lost five cents against the dollar.

But any faintness of heart that his may have caused among companies with payments to make abroad was soon dispelled. The rand is now almost back to where it was under the old system, at around 93 cents.

Because the rand is now weaker than the dollar than during the 1980 gold boom, South Africa's income from recent bullion sales in rand terms, after the metal bounced back from its \$296 low of last June, is not much less than in 1980.

Foreign companies investing in South Africa for the long term do so because returns are attractive — cheap labor is an important factor — and because the industrial and commercial base is relatively undeveloped compared with Europe's.

Industrial shares, as well as goldmining shares, have risen strongly here over the past six months, although the all-gold index has fallen back since hitting a record on Feb. 1.

India unveils \$40b defense-based budget

NEW DELHI, March 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government brought a \$48.36 billion rupee (about \$40 billion) national budget to parliament Monday that proposed an 11 percent increase in military spending during the coming year.

The deficit budget called for spending 59.71 billion rupees (about \$6.3 billion) on defense, an increase of 17 percent over what was projected last February and 11.6 percent over the increased amount (\$5.5 billion rupees) ultimately appropriated.

The military was again the largest item, representing 17 percent of total national spending.

Close behind defense in the budget proposed for fiscal 1983-84, beginning April 1, was the request for energy expenditures. The document presented by Finance Minister Pranab Kumar Mukherjee called for spending 50 billion rupees (\$5.3 billion) on all forms of energy, including crude oil production and purchases.

It would increase taxes, raising from 10 percent to 12.5 percent the surcharge on personal incomes and doubling the 2.5 percent surcharge on corporate earnings. Even so, it projected a deficit of 22.5 billion rupees (\$2.4 billion).

As outlined by Mukherjee to the ruling lower house of parliament, the budget also sought to aid agriculture and rural development, and encourage personal savings. A unique feature set aside 3 billion rupees (\$316 million) with which to reward states that meet development goals.

Coal industry's outlook dark

NEW YORK, March 1 (AP) — With the price of petroleum sagging and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries facing an incipient price war, the prospect is not much brighter for one of oil's main rivals: coal.

In fact "the outlook for coal, it seems, couldn't be worse," according to an editorial in Monday's issue of the *New York Journal of Commerce*. Gloom pervades the coal industry from the U.S. to France, Britain and Germany.

B.R. Brown, chairman of Consolidation Coal Co., the biggest U.S. coal producer, predicts a continued decline in coal business through 1983 into 1984.

The United States, one of the world's major coal exporters, shipped abroad 105.2 million tons last year, down from 110.2 million in 1981.

Estimates of U.S. coal exports in 1983 range from 90 to 100 million tons, and the *Journal* comments that "maybe the U.S. never will export the 200 million tons of coal a year that some officials rosily forecast not long ago. But it is unlikely that American coal exports ever will sag permanently to the 40 million or fewer tons a year common before 1979."

The picture looks just as gloomy in other coal-producing nations. In France, Charbonnages de France (the national coal board) has come through a difficult year, only to face "one that will be just as tough or tougher," the journal says. "Recession and softening oil prices are major factors in the concern's poor showing," the daily adds in a special section on the coal industry.

In West Germany the coal industry faces what the journal terms a "major crisis." Pitched stocks in the Ruhr and Saar mining

areas are now holding more than 32 million tons of coal and coke, more than a third of a year's production.

In Great Britain exports have declined sharply in recent months and coal exports in the year to March 31 are expected to fall below seven million tons from the previous year's 9.4 million tons. "This sudden setback," says the *Journal*, "has led the state-owned National Coal Board to abandon plans to lift coal exports to 15 million tons by 1985."

Despite this gloomy outlook, the coal industry will survive the current oil price decline, coal industry executives believe.

Car prices rise by 20% in Egypt

CAIRO, March 1 (R) — Prices of cars assembled in Egypt have gone up by 20 percent following the government's removal of subsidies, Egyptian officials have said.

Sales manager of the state-run Nasr Car Company, Salaf Hadari, said the new prices would be backdated to Feb. 17.

The price of a new Fiat 128 assembled in Egypt went up from 4,310 Egyptian pounds (about \$5,000) to 5,169 Egyptian pounds (\$6,000) he said.

He said the removal of the 20 percent government subsidy would help bridge the gap between the production cost and the selling price, which until now had been lower than the cost. He said this difference cost his company about 23 million Egyptian pounds annually (about \$2.6 million).

Hadari added that the removal of subsidies would help end the black market by stimulating increased car production.

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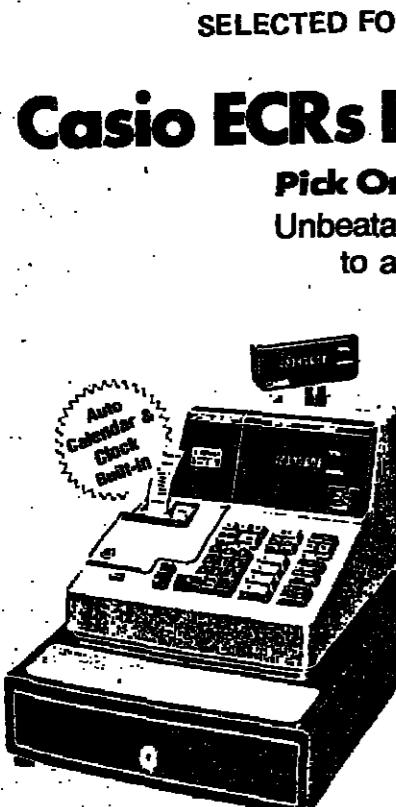
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Blames crisis on West**L. America urges new economic order**

CARTAGEN, Colombia, March 1 (AFP) — Latin American and Caribbean countries blamed the economic crisis on developed countries and called on all nations to work toward a restructuring of the international economic system.

The call came at the end of a meeting of foreign ministers from seven countries in the region, and delegation leaders from some 20 others.

But the problem of Latin America's huge foreign debts was dealt with only briefly in the final statement. The region's debts total \$300 billion, or half of all such debts throughout the world.

The meeting of Latin American Coordination ended by urging the application of concrete and concerted measures to deal with the economic crisis in a preparatory text for the conference of the so-called Group of 77 developing countries to be held in Buenos Aires next month.

The text said the crisis was caused by the

international economic structure as much as by policies adopted by developed countries.

These countries were accused of "seriously compromising the legitimate hopes of Latin American countries to achieve development and better living standards."

On debts, the text said the problem should under no circumstance lead to a restriction of access to capital or hardening of conditions required by international financial institutions and private banks.

The text called for a reduction in debt servicing charges and an improvement in conditions for loans which have to be rescheduled, notably by means of longer repayment terms and lower interest rates.

Participating countries agreed to back

Bonn faces economic upheaval

BONN, March 1 (R) — Judging by what politicians are saying, nothing short of economic upheaval hangs on the result of next Sunday's general election in West Germany.

If the Social Democrats (SPD) get in, say conservative leaders, the budget deficit will soar, there will be the biggest flight of capital in the country's history, and even foreign exchange controls — including restriction on tourists' spending money — may have to be introduced.

The Social Democrats argue that a government led by the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union (CSU) would create an economic free-for-all favoring the rich and increasing the already high number of 2.5 million unemployed.

In effect, West German economic policies have varied little during more than 20 years of prosperity under governments led by both the SPD and the conservatives.

The most obvious evidence of economic consistency is the fact that the Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff and Agriculture Minister Josef Ertl, as members of the current conservative-led coalition, occupy the same posts they held in the left-center coalition of SPD Chancellor Helmut Schmidt before the change of government last October.

Both men belong to the small Free Democratic Party (FDP) which to a large extent explains why West Germany has never adopted ultra-right or extreme left economic policies.

The FDP, a strange mixture of liberals and

Bolivia in its talks with international bodies aimed at renegotiation of its external debts. This stand was taken to "help the Bolivian people to return to the democratic process" following the return to civilian government in October, the text said.

The statement urged industrialized nations to avoid imposing new restrictions on trade in raw materials, including agricultural products and private banks.

It also called on international financial institutions, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to provide easier short-term export credits, to increase the resources of regional banks and undertake long-term reform of the international monetary system.

Japan incurs \$ 2.2b deficit in January

TOKYO, March 1 (R) — Japan's overall balance of payments swung to a \$2.22 billion deficit in January from a \$236 December surplus and compared with a \$2.67 billion deficit a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said.

The current account balance swung to a \$1.44 billion deficit in January from a \$1.71 billion December surplus and compared with a \$1.89 billion deficit a year earlier.

The January visible trade balance swung to a \$618 million deficit from a \$2.40 billion December surplus and compared with a \$859 million deficit a year earlier, the ministry said.

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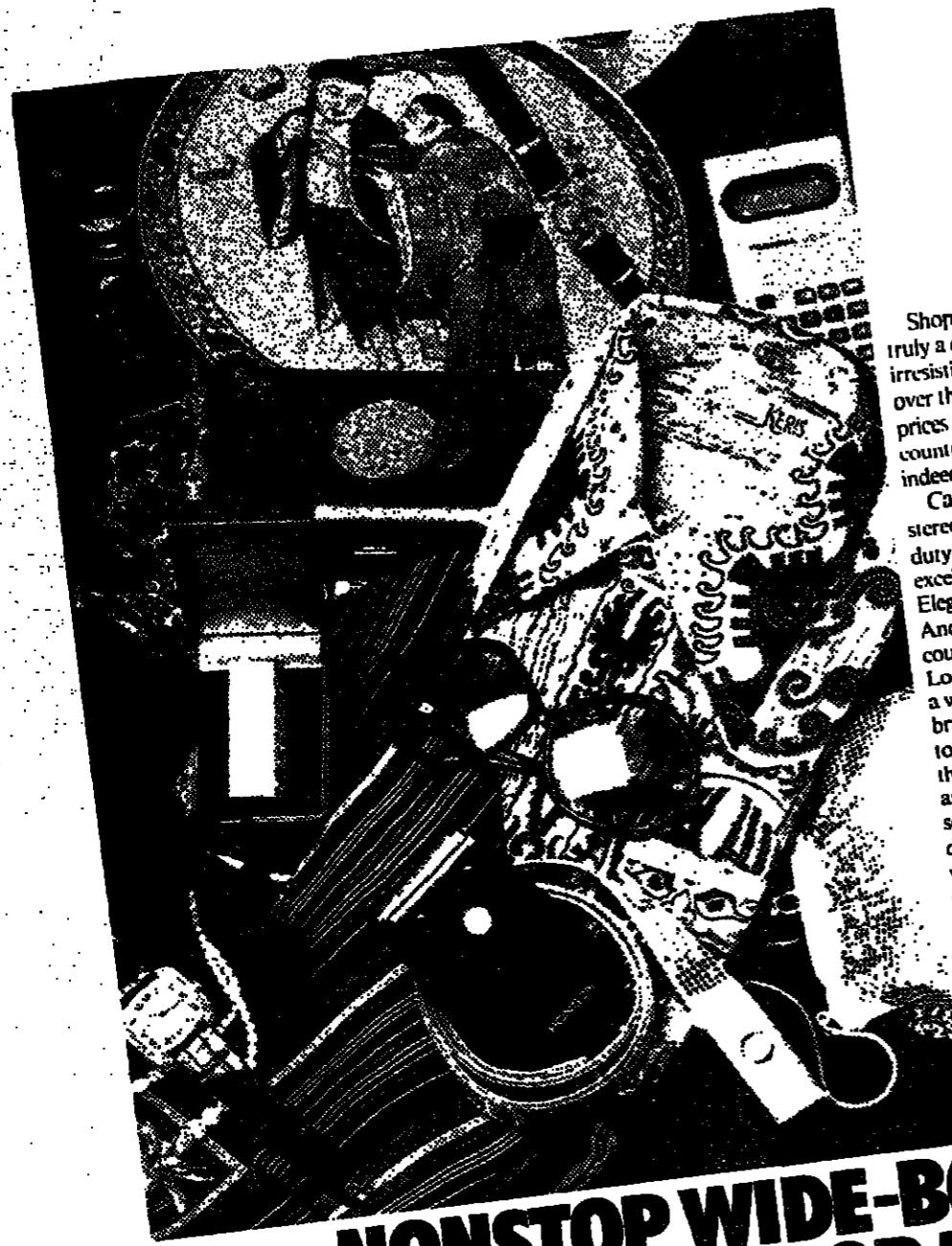
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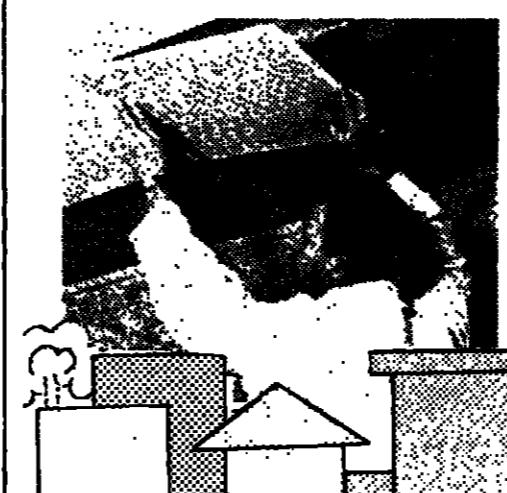
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Hospitality hallmark of rural life

By Hamid Soomro
Special to Arab News

KARACHI — In a country where eight out of every ten persons live in villages, the peasant is the backbone of society. The economy of Pakistan, thus, depends upon the sweat and labor of the hardy peasant over an area of some 50 million acres of cultivated land.

His day begins in the small hours of the morning while it is still dark. The menfolk pick their way down the dusty tracks, goading the herds of cattle in a leisurely procession toward the fields.

The women keep themselves busy with churning milk, making butter, feeding and milking their cows and buffaloes, and with the daily chores of the household. The entire village is up and about soon after the spell of silence is broken by the muezzin's call from the minaret of the village mosque, the trundle rolls merrily at the well from where the village maidens carry the water home in pitchers, while the children have their morning bath in the little *sawwas* (bathrooms) around it.

The clear and bright day dawns under a soft blue sky, and before the orange gleam of sunlight weaves patterns amongst the shady trees, the villagers are half-way through their daily routine of work. The development of canal irrigation in Pakistan during recent years has robbed the farmer of the forced leisure which drought or untimely rains gave him.

Canals now account for around 70 percent of the irrigation facilities. In fact, currently the country has a network of about 10,000 miles of canals taking off from the dams and barrages on the rivers.

The other 30 percent of the irrigation

water is provided by tube-wells drilled all over the countryside for the cotton, rice, wheat, sugar-cane and other fields. In summer, the crops ripen in a matter of days and harvest time brings a wave of happiness all over village. This is the time when visions of prosperity dreamed over a full year of expectancy materialize, when music flows out of every action and when marriages are celebrated with traditional grandeur and gaiety.

Fairs, festivals and feasts all follow in quick succession during this period of opulence.

On every occasion guests must be invited to a meal, and a great point is made of lavishing food and attention. Hospitality is the hallmark of village folks. Even strangers are received with an open heart and arrangements for their lodging and boarding made graciously. When a guest calls on any one, he is welcomed warmly, and after the usual embrace, he is politely led into the men's apartment and seated on a *durree* (cotton rug), or a cot. The younger persons or servants would salute by raising their hands to the head accompanied by a low bow.

In their talk, they are modest and reserved to their equals, and use such affectionate terms as *bhai* (brother), or *chacha* (uncle), or *baba* (grandfather), while addressing them according to their age and status. They show reverence and respect to their superiors and as a rule of hospitality must offer cold *lassi* (buttermilk) or hot sweetened milk, and the *huqqa*, or the bubble-bubble for smoking.

At noon, when work is suspended for the meal and siesta, or in the evening after the day's work is done, the people gather under a shady tree, or in the cold weather around the fire in the village *tukia* (a sort of common house) where they talk and enjoy themselves with all the gossip, the market rates, and

some current news. The village story-teller recounts the heroic deeds and stirring battles of the ancient heroes. Someone with a good voice will sing the romantic love stories of the immortal Heer and Ranjha or Mirza and Sabean, while another will keep time on a *dhola* (drum played by hands), or play a flute.

Occasionally, after the harvest season, wrestling bouts and games of *kabaddi* (a sort of catch-as-catch-can) are held in each village, and prizes given to the winners. Generally speaking, these village folks are healthy and well-built. Milk and butter form their daily diet. *Bhangra* and *Luddi* are the typical folk dances of the plainsmen, while *Khatak* is associated with the frontiersmen and the Pathans of the northern regions. The women sing old folk songs on the occasions of weddings or birth of a son, to the accompaniment of a *dhola*.

The affairs of the village are also discussed in the evening sittings and quarrels settled in the village *Panchayat* (council) consisting of the headman and members elected from amongst themselves, for looking after the interest of the whole community as well as seeking assistance from government bodies for agricultural loans, good quality seeds, fertilizers and agricultural implements at subsidized rates. All banks in the country are freely giving agricultural loans on low rates of interest, payable after the harvesting season, or yearly instalment basis.

The comforts of an average peasant's home in Pakistan are dictated by his limited means. Built of mud, with a flat roof of reeds and wood, and shorn of embellishment and decoration, it is cool in summer and warm in winter. Normally, a farmer's house consists of one big room and two small side-rooms. In front of the rooms is a verandah with a large courtyard for the cattle. Furnishing is done in a very simple way by having a few cots and *chausis* (wooden seats without legs), and *durree* or *mezzi* — grass matting for the floor. The household effects, including pots and pans, are arranged in such a way that they serve the purpose of decoration. Over and above them they paste some pictures on the walls of the rooms. Brick houses with modern amenities are rapidly increasing with the development and affluence among the rural areas.

The majority of the village folk in the plains, both male and female, wear a colorful wrap as lower garment, called *tibband*, for the males, and *lacha* for females, and a long loose shirt called *kurti*. The menfolk wear a turban while the women cover their head with a long stole or *dupatta* of fine muslin or silk gauze. The dresses of both men and women in the Frontier and Baluchistan areas consist of *shawar*, or baggy cotton trousers, and long flowing shirt, with a headgear of white or black cotton turban for men, and of colorful *chadar*, or long stole, for the women.



'PANCHAYAT': A meeting of village elders, called Panchayat, in Punjab. Here important issues and differences among the village folk are discussed and decided. Below: An open-air class in a village school.



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ESCAP survey shows

Asia's social progress has slow pace

By Feliciano H. Magno

BANGKOK (Depthnews) — Slow-paced if not stagnant social development in many Asian and Pacific nations takes away the sheen from the region's economic growth which in the 1970s was adjudged as better than that attained by the industrialized countries as a group.

The observation comes from the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as it reminded that economic growth becomes noteworthy only if it improves the majority's quality of life.

The region's social development picture remains in the negative. Drawing from latest evidence gathered, ESCAP cited mass poverty, unequal income and wealth distribution, rising joblessness and underemployment, poor health, illiteracy and population growth.

While governments in the region have launched their respective socio-economic upliftment programs, the poor and underprivileged tend to be bypassed in the implementation of such programs, ESCAP noted.

It said evidences show that current policies fail to effectively redistribute income, increase employment opportunities or improve basic services to those who need them the most — the poor and underprivileged.

Women are cited by ESCAP in particular. It said they continue to suffer widespread discrimination in access to education, training, work opportunities and health services.

The Bangkok-based U.N. agency also said the region's youth are not being mobilized efficiently and the door often remains shut to them in relation to participation in economic, social and political processes and that they suffer inadequate educational and employment opportunities.

Through its executive secretary, S.A.M.S. Kibria, ESCAP appealed to government in the region that social development programs "be consciously and deliberately planned for in the context of an integrated development strategy where the interplay of economic and social factors is given full freedom." Kibria said such an interplay is a must in the desire of governments in the region to create a more humane and just society.

The ESCAP social development committee, in its assessment of the situation, listed nine issues which need to be addressed by the region's governments during the rest of the 1980s decade. They are:

Eradication of all kinds of discrimination, decreasing inequalities among people and promoting equalization of opportunities for development.

Encouraging social welfare based on the principle of equality to enable people to realize their full potentialities for growth and development and strengthening social protection for women and the youth.

Making education more widely available for all as well as extending compulsory education for children and youth.

Devising special programs for the development of out-of-school children and youth.

Extending the primary health care pro-

ram to people in the rural and remote areas.

Encouraging and strengthening social development and welfare for particular groups whose members might be affected by certain forms of modernization more than others, namely, women, children, youth, agricultural laborers, the disabled and the poor.

Extending social security and social welfare for the aged.

Making careful assessment of the social costs of development and of technological change when development decisions are taken.

Emphasizing that human resource development and its proper utilization is as vital as the development and utilization of physical and natural resources.

Looking back to the past two decades, the committee stressed that there are also a number of positives in social development

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Pesticides taking heavy toll in Sri Lanka

By T.B. Perera

COLOMBO (Desphnews) — Sri Lanka is paying a heavy price for its successful agricultural productivity program and its campaign to rid itself of the ancient scourge of malaria, schistosomiasis and filariasis.

The widespread use of pesticides to improve crop yield and in the campaign against waterborne germs has created a backlash on people's health in the form of pesticide poisoning which down an average of 13,000 persons a year, and close to 1,000 of the victims die.

These grim statistics do not include unreported cases, which health authorities suspect to be significantly higher.

A medical survey has concluded that "the problem of acute pesticide poisoning in Sri Lanka, and possibly also in other developing countries, seems to be of greater severity than those in the developed nations."

Medical statistics show that almost 400 million people in the developing countries are affected with various pesticide poisoning-related ailments.

The survey was conducted by J. Jayaratnam, head of the Department of Community Medicine, Colombo; R.S. de Alwis Senarathne, lecturer of the Department of Community Medicine, Colombo; and S.F. Copplestone, chief of the Pesticide Development and Safe Use Unit of the World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva. They found that for a country with a population of only 15 million, Sri Lanka's incidence of pesticide poisoning is unacceptably high.

Pesticides are widely used in the fight to control the vectors of malaria, schis-

tosomiasis and filariasis. These three diseases affect close to 400 million people in the developing countries.

Sri Lanka depends heavily on pesticides not only in the battle against the waterborne diseases, but also in its agricultural production. According to health authorities this reckless flirtation with pesticides could hardly be warranted by the actual effects of pesticides on the three diseases. They said that anophelis, the carrier of malaria, had already developed immunity to pesticides.

The survey also said that pesticide-related ailments have given rise to an increasing number of attempted suicides among the victims. The latest count of attempted suicides was 9,490, while accidental poisoning accounted for 24.95 percent of the total number of poisoning victims brought to hospitals.

The global effort to minimize pesticide poisoning has been rendered doubly difficult because of lack of dependable data on the extent of the problem, especially in developing countries. While developed countries possess substantial epidemiological data, these are of little help of Third World efforts in combating the disease.

The Sri Lankan survey was undertaken precisely to formulate an overall strategy to prevent pesticide poisoning.

In 1980, a total of 11,811 Sri Lankans were admitted to hospitals for pesticide poisoning. Of this number, 1,112 ended in death.

The survey, which was made between March and June 1981, was undertaken at random. Health workers collated the data that went into the survey report from the records of pesticide poisoning patients in 1979. These

data came from files of 10 general hospitals, and five of the 14 base hospitals.

But medical authorities admit that vast numbers of victims who sought treatment out of hospitals, or who died before they could be treated were not included in the survey.

The survey showed that the highest mortality and morbidity rates of pesticide poisoning were in the agricultural areas where cash crops such as vegetables, tobacco, onions and chilies as well as paddy rice require extensive use of pesticides. Sri Lankans least affected or not in danger of being exposed to pesticides are those living in rubber, coconut and other plantations which grow crops that do not require pesticides.

The study found that the absence of literature or pamphlets stating in detail the chemical compositions of certain pesticides is one of the major reasons for the increasing number of fatal poisoning cases. It would be easier for doctors to prescribe the right medicines for pesticide poisoning victims if the chemical composition of the pesticides were known.

"The high mortality among people exposed to organophosphates and organochloride mixtures is an indication of the therapeutic difficulties of managing patients poisoned with pesticide preparations containing such mixtures," the survey said, adding that: "The situation could be avoided if manufacturers were to agree not to market such mixtures of pesticides. The high fatality rate of 28.5 percent recorded among patients whose clinical records did not show the type of pesticide indicates problems of therapy when full information is not available to the physician."

SELF TREATMENT IS DANGEROUS



Dr. Peter J. Steinrohr M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steinrohr: I recall one column in which you wrote that self-treatment is dangerous. Last week, I visited my doctor and confirmed that I've been using antacids for my heartburn and indigestion. I purchased them "over the counter." He also gave me a lecture on the dangers of self-treatment. Am I too suspicious in wondering that doctors don't want to lose patients who visit the pharmacy rather than their offices? Is it a matter of loss of fees or actual danger to the patient? What's wrong in taking antacids, for example? — Mrs. H.

Dear Mrs. H.: Let's forget about the money. I think you'll agree that most doctors are so busy these days that they're not looking to overcrowd their waiting rooms with more patients.

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Bridging the gender gap

By Robert Yeakem

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Wants Kampuchean to be left alone

China proposes Viet pullback for peace

PEKING, March 1 (Agencies) — China announced Tuesday a five-point proposal for bringing peace to Kampuchea, hinging on the willingness of Vietnam to agree to an unconditional withdrawal of all its troops from the country.

The proposal, in a Foreign Ministry statement, called on the Soviet Union to stop supporting what it called Vietnam's aggression against Kampuchea and to urge Hanoi to accept the principle of an unconditional pullout.

If the Vietnamese gave such an undertaking, "the Chinese side would be willing, after the withdrawal of the first batch of Vietnamese troops, to resume negotiations with Vietnam for the normalization of relations between the two countries," the statement said.

As more Vietnamese troops were withdrawn, it added, China would take practical steps to improve relations with Vietnam,

seriously strained since Hanoi engineered the overthrow of the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government in Phnom Penh in 1979.

After the pullout was completed, China proposed that "the Kampuchean people themselves be allowed to settle all their internal issues, including the kind of social system and form of government to be set up in Kampuchea."

It said Peking respected the Kampuchean people's right to self-determination and wanted to see an independent, peaceful, neutral and nonaligned country.

The statement added: "China is willing to make a joint commitment with other countries to refrain from any form of interference in the internal affairs of Kampuchea, to respect the independence, neutrality and nonaligned status of Kampuchea, and to respect the result of the Kampuchean people's choice made through a genuinely free

election to be held under United Nations supervision."

Diplomatic sources said the Chinese proposal was similar to a peace plan put secretly to the Soviet government last October. Sino-Soviet relations, frosty for two decades, worsened even further after the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge.

Although the two countries have resumed talks on normalizing ties — the second round opened in Moscow Tuesday — China has made it clear that one condition for making progress is an end to Soviet support for Vietnam's presence in Kampuchea.

The Foreign Ministry's statement rejected out of hand Vietnam's offer last week of partial, annual troop withdrawals starting this year provided all support for the nationalist guerrillas stopped and there was a guarantee of peace along the Kampuchean-Thai border.

The Vietnamese are fighting about 40,000 to 60,000 Communist and anti-Communist insurgents backed by Peking, which recognizes the ousted Khmer Rouge, a partner in the U.N.-backed coalition with former Kampuchean leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his ex-Prime Minister Son Sann.

The Peking statement said of Hanoi's offer: "This is another hoax produced by the Vietnamese authorities in order to divert public attention, cover up their criminal acts of aggression, deceive world opinion and extricate themselves from the internal and external difficulties which have engaged them as their war of aggression against Kampuchea has gone on for four years."

It said Vietnam should make joint efforts with China to overcome the obstacles to better relations and help achieve a just and reasonable settlement of the Kampuchean issue at an early date.



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EEC to study all M.E. peace plans

BONN, March 1 (Agencies) — Heads of state and government of the 10 European Economic Community countries will adopt a common stand on the Middle East issue when they meet in Brussels on March 21 and 22, West German sources said here Tuesday.

The EEC stand will not constitute a new initiative, the sources said, but will try to bring closer the two Middle East peace plans proposed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and by last September's Arab summit at Fez, Morocco.

At a meeting here Tuesday, foreign ministers of the 10 countries agreed on the basic principles of the stand to be adopted, dealing mainly with Jordanian King Hussein's peace initiatives, the situation in Lebanon and the resolutions of last week's Palestinian National Council meeting in Algiers.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministers also called on the current chairman of the EEC, West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, to inform the Polish government of EEC "preoccupations" with the treatment

of Western newsmen and diplomats in that country.

They also decided that the Warsaw government had not filled the three basic conditions for a return to malice: lifting of martial law, liberation of all political prisoners and the creation of a "national consensus."

They also discussed the possibility of lifting economic sanctions against Turkey — a move proposed by West Germany.

The foreign ministers felt that the Soviet attitude to East-West relations has changed for the better since Yuri Andropov took over as Soviet leader last year. The ministers agreed that there were encouraging signs of a better climate in East-West relations, a spokesman for the West German community presidency said.

Diplomats at Tuesday's talks said the ministers agreed that a new Soviet attitude had emerged since Andropov took over and this would be explored further in bilateral talks with Moscow at ministerial level.

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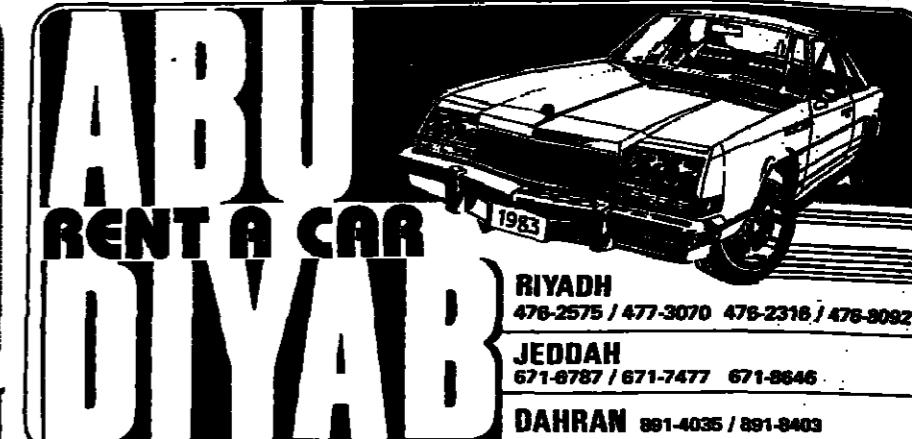
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International



Minister says

Nkomo facing charges

HARARE, Zimbabwe, March 1 (AP) — Home Affairs Minister Herbert Ushewokunze said opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, under virtual house arrest at his Bulawayo home, has "several" charges to face, *The Herald* newspaper reported Tuesday.

Ushewokunze said among the charges were illegal dealing in emeralds, seeking to smuggle Zimbabwe banknotes out of the country and making statements liable to cause alarm and despondency.

"We have reports right now that he and (former Prime Minister) Ian Smith are featuring on South African television saying things that are calculated to bring the republic of Zimbabwe into disrepute," Ushewokunze said in an interview.

Nkomo, 65, president of the Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union, was barred by police from leaving the Matabeleland provincial capital of Bulawayo for a Soviet-sponsored

U.S. raiders want to give up

NAKHON PHANOM, Thailand, March 1 (R) — Former U.S. commando James (Bo) Gritz who surrendered to Thai police here Monday said Tuesdays that two colleagues would also give themselves up if they were guaranteed humane detention conditions.

Gritz told Reuters that the two men, Scott Weakley and Gary Goldman, were part of his team, reported to have launched a Hollywood-financed mission to rescue missing U.S. servicemen whom Gritz believed were being held prisoner in Laos.

He did not disclose the current whereabouts of the two Americans, but said they would turn themselves in if they could be assured of better accommodation than the cell in the Nakhon Phanom provincial jail where he was being held.

Gritz, 43, a former Green Beret lieutenant colonel was reported by American newspapers to have led a raid into Laos last November. But he has refused to comment on his recent activities.

He said he believed at least 10 U.S. servicemen were still be held in Indochina, eight years after the Vietnam War ended.

In a communiqué published by its Paris branch, Amnesty said it had been told of those suspected of opposition to the regime of Mobutu Sese Seko were deliberately killed, and of prisoners dying through ill-treatment or lack of food and medical care.

Amnesty said it had received recent first person accounts from prisoners who had been beaten, given electric shock torture, or raped during their detention.

In 1982 the Nobel Peace Prize winning organization said it had learned of the arrest of more than 200 persons accused of political opposition in one form or another. Since 1978 more than 100 arrests on average had been reported annually. Most of those arrested were held for weeks or months, and sometimes more than a year, before being released without charge.

"Accounts of torture undergone in a military center in Kinshasa and other places of detention speak of whippings, simulated executions, burning with candles or prisoners being stamped on by guards," Amnesty said.

Amnesty said it had also been told of deliberate murders of suspected opponents of the government by army units in remote villages of Lubumbashi in southeast Zaire. In the past two years there had been fewer accounts of deliberate killings by the army or the police, but cases were still reported of prisoners being killed by guards, Amnesty said.

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